



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 976

LCO No. 3242



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING BUS IDLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-277 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (b) The operator of any school bus shall not operate the engine of
5 any school bus for more than three consecutive minutes when the
6 school bus is not in motion except (1) when the school bus is forced to
7 remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical
8 difficulties over which the operator has no control, (2) when it is
9 necessary to operate heating, cooling or auxiliary equipment installed
10 on the school bus when such equipment is necessary to accomplish the
11 intended use of the school bus, including, but not limited to, the
12 operation of safety equipment, (3) when the outdoor temperature is
13 below [twenty] thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit, (4) when it is necessary
14 to maintain a safe temperature for students with special needs, (5)
15 when the school bus is being repaired, [or] (6) when the operator is in
16 the process of receiving or discharging passengers on a public

17 highway or public road, or (7) when the operator is performing a
18 safety inspection of the school bus before the operation of such bus.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	14-277(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify exceptions to the prohibition against prolonged school bus idling.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]