

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1626

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

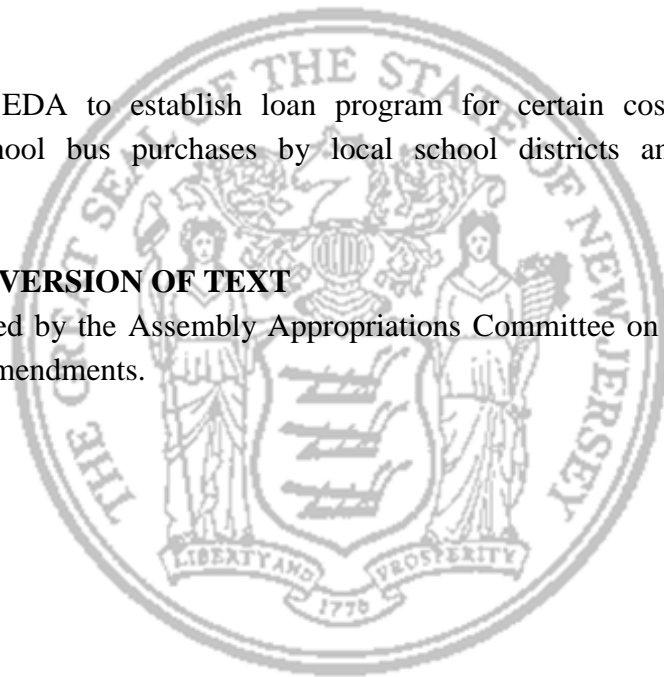
Assemblymen Benson, Zwicker, Kennedy, Assemblywoman Chaparro, Assemblyman Calabrese, Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblymen Giblin, Karabinchak, Assemblywomen Murphy, Jasey, Vainieri Huttel, Assemblyman Tully, Assemblywomen Swain, McKnight and Jimenez

SYNOPSIS

Requires EDA to establish loan program for certain costs of electric-powered school bus purchases by local school districts and school bus contractors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on November 15, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning loans for certain costs of electric-powered
2 school bus purchases and supplementing P.L.1974, c.80
3 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).
4

5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

7
8 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 “Authority” means the New Jersey Economic Development
11 Authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1974, c.80
12 (C.34:1B-4).

13 “Incremental costs” means the difference between the total costs
14 of purchasing an electric-powered school bus and associated
15 electric charging and service equipment and the total costs of
16 purchasing a diesel or gasoline-powered school bus of like-kind.

17 “Local school district” shall have the same meaning as provided
18 in section 3 of P.L.1991, c.393 (C.18A:12-23).

19 “School bus” shall have the same meaning as provided in
20 R.S.39:1-1.

21 “School bus contractor” means a business that has entered into a
22 contract with a local school district to transport children to and from
23 a primary or secondary school of the local school district.
24

25 2. a. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority, in
26 consultation with the Department of Education and the New Jersey
27 Motor Vehicle Commission, shall develop and administer a loan
28 program to facilitate the acquisition of electric-powered school
29 buses by local school districts and school bus contractors.

30 b. A local school district or school bus contractor applying for
31 a loan pursuant to this section shall apply to the authority, in a form
32 and manner as determined by the authority, and an application shall
33 include such information as the authority determines is necessary in
34 consideration of the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
35 before the Legislature as this bill).

36 c. The authority shall review each complete application and
37 approve any application that meets the requirements of this section
38 and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 3 of
39 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

40 d. The authority shall enter into a loan agreement with a local
41 school district or school bus contractor that has received application
42 approval, pursuant to subsection c. of this section. Under the loan
43 agreement, the authority shall only provide a loan for¹;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted November 15, 2021.

1 (1)¹ the incremental costs to a local school district or school bus
2 contractor of purchasing electric-powered school buses for use by a
3 local school district or school bus contractor¹;

4 (2) the costs to a local school district or school bus contractor to
5 purchase and install charging infrastructure for electric-powered
6 school buses used by the local school district or school bus
7 contractor; and

8 (3) the costs to a local school district or school bus contractor to
9 convert a diesel-powered school bus used by the local school
10 district or school bus contractor to an electric-powered school bus,
11 provided that the diesel-powered school bus has an expected useful
12 life of at least 10 years from the point in time that the loan funds are
13 expected to be used to make the conversion¹.

14 A loan under this section shall bear interest at rates and terms
15 deemed appropriate by the authority and shall contain other terms
16 and conditions considered appropriate by the authority that are
17 consistent with the purposes of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
18 before the Legislature as this bill) and with the rules and regulations
19 adopted by the authority pursuant to section 3 of P.L. ,
20 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

21 e. The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and
22 regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement made
23 pursuant to subsection d. of this section, establish terms governing
24 the incidence of default by a local school district or school bus
25 contractor that receives a loan under the program administered
26 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
27 this bill).

28
29 3. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority, in
30 consultation with the Department of Education and the New Jersey
31 Motor Vehicle Commission, shall, pursuant to the “Administrative
32 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), promulgate
33 rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
34 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

35
36 4. This act shall take effect immediately.