HOUSE BILL 1451

By: Delegates Fraser–Hidalgo, Barve, Charkoudian, Healey, Lierman, Luedtke, Moon, and Stein
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Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, that each school bus purchased by a country board of education be a zero–emission vehicle; requiring, beginning on a certain date, that each school bus purchased by a certain person for use under a certain contract with a county board be a zero–emission vehicle; defining a certain term; and generally relating to school bus purchases.

BY adding to
Article – Education
Section 7–810
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 23–206.4(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

7–810.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 23–206.4 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(B) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, EACH SCHOOL BUS PURCHASED BY A COUNTY BOARD MUST BE A ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE.

(C) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, EACH SCHOOL BUS PURCHASED BY A PERSON FOR USE UNDER A CONTRACT WITH A COUNTY BOARD TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MUST BE A ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLE.

Article – Transportation

23–206.4.

(a) In this section, “zero–emission vehicle” means any vehicle that:

(1) Is determined by the Secretary to be of a type that does not produce any tailpipe or evaporative emissions; and

(2) Has not been altered from the manufacturer’s original specifications.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.