

# HOUSE BILL 1451

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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

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School Bus Purchasing – Zero–Emission Vehicle – Requirement**

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

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7–810

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 23–206.4(a)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–810.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (B) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, EACH SCHOOL BUS PURCHASED BY A  
2 COUNTY BOARD MUST BE A ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE.

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

6 Article – Transportation

7 23-206.4.

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

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

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

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