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FAVORABLE - House Bill 1451
School Bus Purchasing – Zero–Emission Vehicle – Requirement

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **House Bill 1451 School Bus Purchasing – Zero–Emission Vehicle – Requirement**. House Bill 1451 requires that by 2023 school buses purchased by a county board must be a zero-emission vehicle. The bill further requires that by 2026 school buses contracted for use by individuals from a county board to provide transportation must be zero-emission vehicles.

In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. The MOU sets forth a target of 300,000 zero-emissions vehicles in Maryland by 2025. More recently, on January 16, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a five-year electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure pilot program that will be implemented by four of the state's largest electric utilities. Pepco and Delmarva Power are implementing this pilot program through our EVSmart Program which will help Maryland progress to the state's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. The EVSmart Program provides rebates, tools and information to help customers make more informed decisions when it comes to making the transition to a cleaner transportation option. House Bill 1451 will ensure that Maryland's counties transition their school bus fleets to zero-emission vehicles in a timely manner.

Encouraging the expansion of public-school transit EV options is critically important because transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1451.

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