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## Position Statement

**SUPPORT HB 1451**  
Ways & Means Committee  
March 4, 2020

### **School Bus Purchasing – Zero-Emission Vehicle – Requirement**

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) supports *HB 1451: School Bus Purchasing – Zero-Emission Vehicle – Requirement*. This legislation would help to facilitate the adoption of zero-emission school buses in Maryland. It requires each school bus purchased by a local school system to be a zero-emission vehicle beginning October 1, 2023. In addition, beginning October 1, 2026, the bill requires each school bus purchased by a person for use under a contract with a local school system to be a zero-emission vehicle.

This legislation is consistent with Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals. In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding on state Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. At that time, Maryland adopted a goal of 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025. Studies show that to meet this goal, approximately 125,000 electric vehicles (EVs) would need to be added to BGE's service territory and about 27,000 charging stations would be needed.

Accordingly, BGE launched its EVsmart Program, which fits into this directive and will propel progress on Maryland's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. Under EVsmart, in addition to consumer education programs, BGE plans to install 500 public access charging stations. In addition, BGE's EVsmart program would help to mitigate the costs of implementing House Bill 1316, because the program incentivizes the installation of charging infrastructure at 1,700 residential and multi-unit dwelling properties.

BGE is committed to partnering with Maryland to achieve its electric vehicle goals. Accordingly, we support House Bill 1451, and respectfully request a favorable committee report.