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Senate Bill 948

Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program

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Position: **Support**
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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** SB 948 which establishes an electric school bus pilot program through investor-owned electric companies.

CBF encourages the electrification of vehicle infrastructure throughout the state as one of the fastest mechanisms to support the development and deployment of electric charging infrastructure and decarbonization of the transportation sector. Greenhouse gas reductions have the added benefit of reducing nitrous oxide emissions, a significant bay pollutant when those air emissions fall back to the surface from rain. Developing a robust school bus electrification program may lead to full implementation of a phasing of school buses throughout the state toward electrification and in neighboring states in the Chesapeake airshed, the nine-state area from which fallout from nitrous oxide emissions become Bay pollutants.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on SB 948. For more information, please contact Robin Clark, Maryland Staff Attorney at rclark@cbf.org and 443.995.8753.

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