

1                   **CLEAN FUEL SCHOOL BUSES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

2                                   2014 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                   **Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This bill provides grants to replace school buses and to create infrastructure for  
10 alternative fuel vehicles.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This bill:

13           ▶ allows the State Board of Education to award a grant to a school district or charter  
14 school to:

15                   • replace a school bus manufactured before 2002 with a new school bus that uses  
16 CNG, propane, or clean diesel fuel;

17                   • install an alternative fuel fueling station for a school bus that uses alternative  
18 fuel and that may be accessed by a governmental entity or the public to fuel an  
19 alternative fuel vehicle; or

20                   • retrofit a bus shop to service and maintain a school bus that uses alternative  
21 fuel;

22           ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules related to the awarding of a  
23 grant, including rules that:

24                   • specify criteria for selecting a grant recipient; and

25                   • require a grant recipient to provide funding matches in an amount that is greater  
26 than or equal to the amount of a grant received; and

27           ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:



- 28 • facilitate training for bus shop technicians and bus drivers on the operation and
- 29 maintenance of a school bus that uses alternative fuel; and
- 30 • make a report to the Legislature.

31 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

32 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015:

- 33 ▶ to the State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative
- 34 Programs as a one-time appropriation:
- 35 • from the Education Fund, One-time, \$20,000,000.

36 **Other Special Clauses:**

37 This bill provides an effective date.

38 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

39 ENACTS:

40 **53A-17a-127.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



42 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

43 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-127.5** is enacted to read:

44 **53A-17a-127.5. Grants for school buses and alternative fuel infrastructure.**

45 (1) As used in this section:

46 (a) "Alternative fuel" means CNG or propane.

47 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

48 (c) "Clean diesel fuel" means diesel fuel with a sulfur content of no more than 15 parts  
49 per million (ppm).

50 (d) "CNG" means compressed natural gas.

51 (2) The board may award a grant to a school district or charter school to:

52 (a) replace a school bus manufactured before 2002 with a new school bus that uses  
53 CNG, propane, or clean diesel fuel;

54 (b) install an alternative fuel fueling station:

55 (i) for a school bus that uses alternative fuel; and

56 (ii) that may be accessed by a governmental entity or the public to fuel an alternative  
57 fuel vehicle; or

58 (c) retrofit a bus shop to service and maintain a school bus that uses alternative fuel.

- 59           (3) The board shall make rules:
- 60           (a) establishing procedures for applying for and awarding a grant;
- 61           (b) specifying criteria for selecting a grant recipient;
- 62           (c) requiring reporting of grant money expenditures and evidence that a new school bus
- 63 purchased with grant money has replaced a school bus manufactured before 2002; and
- 64           (d) requiring a grant recipient to provide matching funds in an amount that is greater
- 65 than or equal to the amount of a grant received under this section.

66           (4) The board shall appoint a committee that includes representatives of school  
 67 districts, charter schools, and the board to review grant applications and make  
 68 recommendations to the board for the award of grants that meet the requirements of this section  
 69 and rules adopted under Subsection (3).

70           (5) Through the state superintendent of public instruction, the board shall facilitate  
 71 training for bus shop technicians and bus drivers on the operation and maintenance of a school  
 72 bus that uses alternative fuel.

73           (6) On or before November 1, 2014, the board shall submit a report to the Public  
 74 Education Appropriations Subcommittee that:

- 75           (a) describes the grants awarded under this section; and
- 76           (b) includes recommendations regarding continuation of the grant program.

77           Section 2. **Appropriation.**

78           Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
 79 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money  
 80 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
 81 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
 82 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

83           To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs  
 84 From Education Fund, One-time \$20,000,000

85           Schedule of Programs:

86                   Contracts and Grants \$20,000,000

87           The Legislature intends that of the \$20,000,000 appropriated for the Contracts and  
 88 Grants Program, the State Board of Education may expend:

- 89           (1) up to \$13,000,000 for grants for new school buses pursuant to Section

90 [53A-17a-127.5](#); and  
91 (2) up to \$7,000,000 for grants for alternative fuel fueling stations and bus shop  
92 retrofits pursuant to Section [53A-17a-127.5](#).  
93 Section 3. **Effective date.**  
94 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 13, 2014.  
95 (2) Section 2, Appropriations, takes effect on July 1, 2014.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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