H. R. 2906  

To reauthorize the Clean School Bus Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Clean Commute for Kids Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES PRO-
GRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) ALTERNATIVE FUEL.—Section 741(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(a)) is amended—
(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) electricity.”.

(2) CLEAN SCHOOL BUS.—Section 741(a)(3) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(a)(3)) is amended by striking “that—” and all that follows through “[B] is operated” and inserting “that is operated”.

(b) PROGRAM FOR RETROFIT OR REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN EXISTING SCHOOL BUSES WITH CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES.—

(1) PRIORITY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Section 741(b)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(b)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the period at the end “with clean school buses with low or zero emissions”; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:
“(B) RETROFITTING.—In the case of grant applications to retrofit school buses, the Administrator shall give—

“(i) highest priority to applicants that propose to retrofit school buses manufactured in or after model year 1991 to become clean school buses with low or zero emissions; and

“(ii) second highest priority to applicants that otherwise propose to retrofit school buses manufactured in or after model year 1991 to become clean school buses.”.


(3) REPLACEMENT GRANTS.—Paragraph (5) of section 741(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) REPLACEMENT GRANTS.—In the case of grants to replace school buses—

“(A) the Administrator may award the grants for up to 60 percent of the replacement costs; and
“(B) such replacement costs may include the costs of acquiring the clean school buses and charging and fueling infrastructure.”.

(4) ULTRA LOW-SULFUR DIESEL FUEL.—Section 741(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(b)) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (6); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively.

(c) EDUCATION.—Paragraph (1) of section 741(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Clean Commute for Kids Act of 2019, the Administrator shall develop an education outreach program to promote and explain the grant program under subsection (b), as amended by such Act.”.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 741(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(d)) is amended by striking “until expended—” and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting “until expended, $50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”.