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REPORT B

(Filing No. S-422)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 646, L.D. 1894, Bill, "An Act To Incentivize the Purchase of Electric Public School Buses"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions of the Public School Bus Fleet'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§15-A is enacted to read:

15-A. Reduce emissions of public school bus fleet. The commissioner in approving school bus purchases, contracts and leases under subsection 15 shall to the extent practicable grant such approvals in a manner designed to meet a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions of the public school bus fleet by 75% by 2040. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the bill, removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and changes the title. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Education, in approving school bus purchases, contracts and leases, to the extent practicable to grant such approvals in a manner designed to meet a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions of the public school bus fleet by 75% by 2040.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1894

LR 2925(03)

An Act To Incentivize the Purchase of Electric Public School Buses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-422)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future goal may require funding

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to approve the purchase, lease or contracting of school buses to the extent practicable in a manner designed to meet a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions of the public school bus fleet by 75% by 2040. According to the department, school buses that reduce green house gas emissions are more expensive to purchase than school buses that use gas or diesel. To the extent that the commissioner approves the purchase of lower-emission school buses and no additional funds are provided, fewer buses will be approved. To the extent that the commissioner does not find it practicable to approve the purchase of lower-emission school buses, the goal specified in the bill may not be met.