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AN ACT CONCERNING HYBRID SCHOOL BUSES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

Section 1 delays (until January 1, 2040) the requirement for all school buses to be zero-emission and allows alternative fuel and hybrid buses to be considered compliant. The requirement is delayed for 10 years for school districts in an environmental justice community, and five years for all other districts. This correspondingly delays, until FY 40, costs a district would incur in order to comply with the requirement, or allows a district to more gradually shift its school bus fleet toward compliance. The expansion to alternative fuel and hybrid school buses potentially results in a savings to districts to the extent that hybrid or alternative fuel buses and fueling costs are less expensive than no emission or alternative fuel buses.

Section 2 expands the existing Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) matching grant program for school buses to include alternative fuel and hybrid school buses and does not result in a cost to DEEP as the expansion provides flexibility to grant recipients.

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the costs associated with alternative fuel and hybrid school buses.