

STATE OF NEW YORK

10068

IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school districts unable to meet standards for zero-emissions school buses, due to market availability or supporting infrastructure

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3638 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

3 8. If a school district has received two extensions pursuant to para-
4 graph (a) of subdivision four of this section, due to the market avail-
5 ability of zero-emission school buses or supporting infrastructure and
6 cannot meet the requirements of subdivisions two and three of this
7 section, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district
8 shall not be subjected to any penalty, sanction, loss of funding, or
9 adverse action, provided that the school district demonstrates, to the
10 satisfaction of the commissioner, that it has made a good faith effort
11 to comply but are unable to due to the market availability of zero-emis-
12 sion school buses or supporting infrastructure. This includes, but is
13 not limited to, insufficient supply of zero-emission school buses,
14 delays in manufacturing, delays in delivery, and supply chain
15 disruptions affecting critical components.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

LBD14610-01-6