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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring entities selling zero-emission school buses to provide an independent range estimate to prospective purchasers

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

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

8. (a) Any entity seeking to sell zero-emission school buses to school districts or contractors for use in providing transportation services to school districts shall be required to provide an independent range estimate to prospective purchasers before selling such buses. Such range estimate shall, at a minimum, provide the estimated range on different terrain and in different weather conditions. The range estimate shall also include the average level of battery degradation per ten thousand miles traveled and consideration of whether the bus is stored outside or in an indoor garage.

(b) The office of general services, in consultation with the New York state energy research and development authority, shall, no later than ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision, promulgate regulations to implement paragraph (a) of this subdivision and shall provide zero-emission school bus manufacturers with a list of parties that may provide independent range verification in accordance with this subdivision.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted to have any effect on completed sales or sales that are already in process while regulations are being promulgated or prior to their effective date; provided, however, that for any sales which, pursuant to this paragraph, a range estimate is not required to be provided prior to such sale, if the entity selling such zero-emission bus or buses later receives a

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

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range estimate for the model or models sold, such entity shall provide such range estimate or estimates to the district or contractor that purchased such buses.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.