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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating an electric school bus infrastructure investment pilot program; and making an appropriation relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new
2 article 6-B to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 6-B

4 ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS INFRASTRUCTURE

5 INVESTMENT PILOT PROGRAM

6 Section 189-aa. Electric school bus infrastructure investment pilot
7 program.

8 189-bb. Rules and regulations.

9 § 189-aa. Electric school bus infrastructure investment pilot program.

10 (a) The department is authorized and directed to administer an electric
11 school bus infrastructure investment pilot program. Awards for such
12 program shall be decided through the existing regional economic develop-
13 ment council process, with two school districts within each economic
14 development region being awarded grants on a competitive basis each
15 year. Such grant money may be used to offset the cost of planning and
16 building the clean energy micro-grids needed to effectuate the conver-
17 sion to electric buses, including, but not limited to, expenses such as
18 engineering, land use, and other studies as may be necessary, as well as
19 for other purposes deemed feasible and advisable by the department. Such
20 micro-grid systems shall allow for the clean energy production of charg-
21 ing infrastructure, by producing reduced long term operating expenses,
22 and reliable power generation to meet the state's goals and mandates in
23 this area.

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

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1 (b) The New York energy research and development authority shall
2 contribute twenty million dollars' worth of its own resources, from
3 funds collected from ratepayers for the purpose of supporting clean
4 energy programs, reducing emissions and fighting climate change, for the
5 purposes of carrying out the provisions of this article.

6 § 189-bb. Rules and regulations. The authority, in consultation and
7 cooperation with the New York energy research and development authority,
8 is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate such rules and regu-
9 lations as it deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this article.
10 Such rules and regulations shall be promulgated on or before June
11 fifteenth, two thousand twenty-five.

12 § 2. The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), or so much ther-
13 eof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of
14 economic development out of any moneys in the state treasury in the
15 general fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately avail-
16 able, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such
17 moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on
18 vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of economic develop-
19 ment in the manner prescribed by law.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025 and shall expire and be
21 deemed repealed April 1, 2030. Effective immediately, the addition,
22 amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the
23 implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be
24 made and completed on or before such effective date.