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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to building aid for incremental zero-emission school bus infrastructure costs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6-i of section 3602 of the education law, as added by section 6 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended and a new subdivision 6-j is added to read as follows:

6-i. Building aid and the New York state energy research and development authority P-12 schools: clean green schools initiative. 1. For aid payable in the school years two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three and thereafter, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the apportionment to any district under subdivision six, six-a, six-b, six-c, six-e, six-f, [~~or~~] six-h**, or six-j** of this section for capital outlays for school building projects for energy efficiency shall not exclude grants authorized pursuant to the New York state energy research and development authority P-12 schools: clean green schools initiative from aidable expenditures, provided that the sum of apportionments for these projects calculated pursuant to subdivision six, six-a, six-b, six-c, six-e, six-f, [~~or~~] six-h**, or six-j** of this section and such grants shall not exceed the actual project expenditures.

2. The New York state energy research and development authority shall provide a list of energy efficiency grants awarded to each school district to the commissioner no later than one month prior to the end of each calendar year and each school year. This list shall include the capital construction project or projects funded by the grants, the award amounts of each individual project grant, the district receiving such grants, the schools receiving such grants, the date on which the grant was received, and any other information necessary for the calculation of

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

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aid pursuant to subdivision six, six-a, six-b, six-c, six-e, six-f, [~~or~~] six-h, or six-j of this section.

6-j. Building aid for incremental zero-emission school bus infrastructure costs. a. For the purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings: 1. "incremental zero-emission school bus storage costs" shall mean the sum of additional costs for the storage of zero-emission school buses as compared to traditional school buses. Such incremental costs shall reflect new or increased costs from, but not be limited to: modifications to bus facilities such as wider and taller doors and/or garages, modifications to bus facilities to address higher weights such as higher power lifts, equipment and software for advanced fire suppression systems, installation and operation of charge management systems, and the cost of entire storage facilities or preparation of storage locations where one would not have been necessary but for the storage of zero-emission school buses; and

2. "incremental customer-owned make-ready costs" shall mean the sum of additional costs of any capital investment in equipment or infrastructure beyond the utility service point necessary to make a site ready to accept an electric vehicle charger, including conductors, trenching, and panels, where such costs would not have been present but for the preparation of the site to be able to charge zero-emission school buses.

b. In addition to the apportionments payable to a school district pursuant to subdivision six of this section, the commissioner is hereby authorized to apportion to any school district additional building aid pursuant to this subdivision for its approved expenditures, otherwise ineligible for building aid, beginning in the base year through the two thousand thirty-four--two thousand thirty-five school year for incremental zero-emission school bus storage costs and incremental customer-owned make-ready costs that are constructed or improved pursuant to this subdivision, provided that such expenditures are not reimbursable from another state or federal source except as provided in subdivision six-i of this section, or from funding from one or more electric corporations as such term is defined in section two of the public service law. Such aid shall equal the actual approved expenditures incurred beginning in the base year through the two thousand thirty-four--two thousand thirty-five school year pursuant to this subdivision, to the extent that such expenditures are not reimbursable from another state or federal source except as provided in subdivision six-i of this section, or from funding from one or more electric corporations as such term is defined in section two of the public service law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately