

A bill for an act

relating to environment; establishing grant program for idling reduction technology and hybrid bus purchases; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[116.935] METRO TRANSIT DIESEL BUS IDLING REDUCTION DEVICE AND HYBRID BUS GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

(1) "bus" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 11;

(2) "idling reduction device" means equipment that is installed on a diesel-powered, regular route transit bus owned and operated by the Metropolitan Council to reduce long-duration idling of that bus and that is designed to provide heat, air conditioning, or electricity that would otherwise require operation of the main drive engine while the bus is temporarily parked or stationary; and

(3) "regular route transit" has the meaning given in section 174.22, subdivision 8.

Subd. 2. **Authority and eligibility.** The commissioner may award a grant to the Metropolitan Council for the purchase and installation costs for one or more idling reduction devices or hybrid buses if the Metropolitan Council agrees to collect and report information relating to the operation and performance of each idling reduction device covered by the grant, as required by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Grants.** (a) Grant funds may be used by the recipient to purchase and install idling reduction devices or hybrid buses, if those purchases and installations will result in decreased emissions of one or more air contaminants from the bus on which it is installed or decreased energy use by the bus.

2.1 (b) The commissioner shall collect and summarize information relating to the
2.2 operation and performance of each idling reduction device or hybrid bus and make the
2.3 information available for downloading free of charge on the agency's Web site.

2.4 (c) The grant program in this section shall be implemented only if the agency's
2.5 application for federal funding, as required under subdivision 4, is successful.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Federal funds.** The agency must submit an application to the federal
2.7 Environmental Protection Agency for competitive grant funds made available under
2.8 the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act's National Clean Diesel Grant Program, as
2.9 specified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5.
2.10 The application must request funding to reduce the cost of purchasing and installing idling
2.11 reduction devices in diesel-powered regular route transit buses and for the purchase of
2.12 hybrid buses. Any funds awarded to the agency as a result of the application must be
2.13 expended on the grant program described in this section.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.