

A bill for an act
relating to environment; establishing grant program for assisting public transit
agencies in Minnesota with efforts to reduce diesel pollution; 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] PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY DIESEL POLLUTION
REDUCTION GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority and eligibility.** The commissioner may award a grant
to any public transit agency in Minnesota for the purchase and installation costs of any
equipment or fuel that results in decreased diesel pollution from transit vehicles, including
but not limited to grants of up to 25 percent of the cost to purchase a hybrid bus.

Subd. 2. **Grants.** (a) Grant funds may be used by the recipient to purchase and
install equipment or fuel or to purchase 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 used or decreased energy use by the bus.

(b) The grant program in this section shall be implemented only if the agency's
application for federal funding, as required under subdivision 3, is successful.

Subd. 3. **Federal funds.** The agency must submit an application or work with one or
more public transit agencies in Minnesota to assist in the submission of an application to
the federal Environmental Protection Agency for competitive grant funds made available
under the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act's National, Smartway or Emerging
Technology Clean Diesel Grant Program, as specified in the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5. The application must request funding for
equipment or fuel proposed to be used by public transit agencies to reduce diesel pollution

- 2.1 or to reduce energy use. Any funds awarded to the agency as a result of the application
- 2.2 must be expended on the grant program described in this section.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.