

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; establishing a grant program for idling reduction
1.3 technology purchases; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[116.935] METRO TRANSIT DIESEL BUS IDLING REDUCTION**

1.7 **DEVICE GRANTS.**

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

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

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

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

1.16 Subd. 2. **Authority and eligibility.** The commissioner may award a grant to the
1.17 Metropolitan Council for up to 50 percent of the purchase and installation costs for one or
1.18 more idling reduction devices if the Metropolitan Council:

1.19 (1) pays at least 50 percent of the purchase and installation cost for each idling
1.20 reduction device covered by the grant without the use of other financial assistance from
1.21 this state or from a local governmental unit in this state; and

1.22 (2) agrees to collect and report information relating to the operation and performance
1.23 of each idling reduction device covered by the grant, as required by the commissioner.

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

2.4 (b) The commissioner shall withhold payment of at least 20 percent of the grant until
2.5 the recipient has complied with the conditions established by the commissioner, including
2.6 providing any required information.

2.7 (c) The commissioner shall collect and summarize information from grant recipients
2.8 relating to the operation and performance of each idling reduction device and make the
2.9 information available for downloading free of charge on the agency's Web site.

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

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

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