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There needs to be funding provided for electric school buses . Also, "Electric School Bus Charging Infrastructure" means any physical hardware and network infrastructure, including software and internet connectivity needed to charge electric school buses, connect the equipment to the utility grid, and report data remotely, including the cost of contractors and installation.

Funding is needed for the "Overburdened community" means the same as the term is defined in section 2 of P.L.2020, c.92 (C.13:1D-158).

"School district" means any local or regional school district established pursuant to chapters 8 or 13 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

"Trust" means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, created pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

2. (New section) a. Within one year after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the trust shall establish a program, to be known as the Electric School Bus Financing Program, to provide loans and other forms of financial assistance, as the trust deems appropriate and subject to available funding, to school districts to finance the purchase of electric school buses in lieu of, or to replace, diesel-powered school buses for the daily transportation of students, and the purchase and installation of related electric school bus charging infrastructure

Thank you,

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