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Call to Action: Electric Bus Mandate

IThe IASA/IASBO government relations team has been diligently working on many pieces of legislation that have been proposed for the current General Assembly. Although some of the mandates are more costly than others, one in particular has emerged that could pose a significant financial burden on all districts across the state. This mandate is HB 2287 (Moylan, D-Des Plaines), which would require any newly purchased, leased, or contracted bus after 2028 to be an electric vehicle, in addition to requiring that every bus transporting students to be an electric vehicle by 2035. The concerns we have with this legislation also go beyond financial considerations and include the ability of electric buses to span the mileage range needed for existing routes, the infrastructure to charge the vehicles, and the availability of enough electric vehicles to cover all needed buses in the state.

Although the advocates for this legislation have been clear they do not want to pass an impossible and/or unfunded mandate, the sponsor has continued to move the bill through the legislative process in the House and the measure may be called for a vote on the House floor this week. Please communicate with your local legislator by letting him or her know how this mandate would impact your district. We have provided a One-Click Politics campaign for easy use that you can use to send a pre-written message, or you can customize it as you see fit. Click the link below to send the email to your Representative.

Thank you for engaging your legislator regarding this mandate!

Click <u>HERE</u> to access the OneClick Politics campaign and email your legislator.

Sincerely,

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