

SB0044



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/13/2025, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, subject to appropriation and beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the State Board of Education shall award competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts that submit a grant application to the State Board requesting funds to purchase an electric vehicle to be used for student driver education courses. Requires the State Board to disseminate a request for applications for grants that shall be accepted on an annual basis. Requires the State Board to establish procedures for submitting requests for grants and issuing funds to approved applicants. Sets forth priority determinations for application selection by the State Board if the appropriation amount in a fiscal year is less than the amount required to fund all applications for grants. Establishes application requirements. Allows the State Board to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.206 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.206. Grants for electric vehicles.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "electric vehicle" means a
9 battery-powered electric vehicle operated solely by
10 electricity.

11 (b) Subject to appropriation, beginning with the 2025-2026
12 school year, the State Board of Education shall award
13 competitive grants on an annual basis to school districts that
14 submit a grant application to the State Board of Education
15 requesting funds to purchase an electric vehicle to be used
16 for student driver education courses in accordance with
17 Section 27-24.2 of this Code.

18 (c) The State Board of Education shall annually
19 disseminate a request for applications for grants under this
20 Section to school districts that offer a driver education
21 course. Grant applications shall be accepted on an annual
22 basis. The State Board of Education shall establish procedures
23 for submitting requests for grants and issuing funds to

1 approved applicants.

2 (d) If the appropriation for grants under this Section for
3 a given fiscal year is less than the amount required to fund
4 all applications for grants, the State Board of Education
5 shall give priority to school districts designated as Tier 1
6 or Tier 2 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (g) of
7 Section 18-8.15 of this Code that (i) do not have any electric
8 vehicles, (ii) possess below a sufficient amount of vehicles
9 to meet student demand for the district's driver education
10 courses offered, and (iii) have applied for grant funds.

11 (e) The application for grants under this Section must
12 include the following information:

13 (1) the school district's tier designation pursuant to
14 paragraph (3) of subsection (g) of Section 18-8.15 of this
15 Code;

16 (2) the number of students participating in the school
17 district's driver education courses and the number of
18 students on any wait list to participate in the district's
19 driver education courses;

20 (3) the number of electric vehicles, if any, and
21 gasoline-powered vehicles the school district currently
22 possesses for the driver education courses offered;

23 (4) the condition of each vehicle that the school
24 district uses for the driver education courses offered;
25 and

26 (5) a plan detailing how the school district will

1 properly maintain, charge, and store the electric vehicle
2 once purchased.

3 (f) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules
4 necessary for the implementation of this Section.