

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
March 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Repeal of Rule 6A-3.037, Alternative Engine Fuels for School Buses

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1006.22, 1006.25, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This repeal removes a redundant provision explicitly authorizing the use of alternative fuel buses in Florida. Alternate fuel engines meeting Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards are standard options on school buses. Florida specifications for such engines are redundant and unnecessary.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-3.037, F.A.C.

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6A-3.037 Alternate Engine Fuels for School Buses.

Rulemaking Authority 1006.25 FS. Law Implemented 1006.22, 1006.25 FS. History–New 10-6-92, Amended 11-26-06, Repealed

6A-3.037 Alternate Engine Fuels for School Buses.

~~(1) Alternate engine fuels for school buses. School districts may use school buses equipped to operate on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as an engine fuel provided the district complies with the requirements of the Florida School Bus Alternate Fuel Manual, 1992 which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies of this manual are on file and available from the Director of the School Transportation Management Section, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Districts may also use electricity as a fuel or may use hybrid diesel electric buses.~~

~~(2) Pilot projects. Alternate fueled school buses may be used on a pilot project basis not exceeding ten (10) percent of the district's school bus fleet or more than twenty (20) buses, whichever is greater. Pilot project proposals must be submitted with copies of all related documents as required within the manual to the Director of the School Transportation Management Section, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 and the Department of Insurance, L.P. Gas Division, for gaseous powered units, for review and approval. All pilot projects must be submitted or resubmitted for each twelve month period. All buses originally equipped, converted or repowered to run on alternate fuels shall meet Florida School Bus Specifications applicable for the year of manufacture of the vehicle, including horsepower and torque requirements otherwise applicable to diesel engines. The Department may grant variances and exceptions to Florida School Bus Specifications where necessary and prudent to further the goal of successful pilot testing of these school buses. After the completion of each alternate fuel system installation, each school bus shall be inspected in accordance with the requirements outlined in the manual prior to the use of the bus to transport school students.~~

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