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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Green Bus Act of
5 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ZERO-EMISSION BUS REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5312
4 the following:

5 **“§ 5313. Zero-emission bus requirements**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other re-
7 quirements of this chapter, not later than October 1,
8 2029, any bus purchased or leased with funds provided
9 under this chapter or otherwise provided by the Federal
10 Transit Administration for purposes of providing public
11 transportation shall be a zero-emission bus.

12 “(b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
13 requirements of this chapter, the Federal share of the cost
14 of any zero-emission bus purchased or leased with funds
15 provided under this chapter or otherwise provided by the
16 Federal Transit Administration for purposes of providing
17 public transportation shall be 90 percent.

18 “(c) DEFINITION OF ZERO-EMISSION BUS.—In this
19 section, the term ‘zero-emission bus’ means a bus that,
20 under any possible operational modes or conditions, pro-
21 duces no exhaust emissions of—

22 “(1) any greenhouse gas; or

23 “(2) any air pollutant for which air quality cri-
24 teria are issued under section 108 of the Clean Air
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 7408) or for which a national ambi-

1 ent air quality standard has been promulgated under
 2 section 109 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7409).”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 4 tions for chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is
 5 amended by inserting after the item related to section
 6 5312 the following new item:

“5313. Zero-emission bus requirements.”.

7 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES IMPLEMENTING**
 8 **ZERO-EMISSION BUS FLEETS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
 11 tation shall compile, and make publicly available, a report
 12 containing best practices and lessons learned by transit
 13 agencies and States that have implemented or are in the
 14 process of implementing zero-emission bus fleets.

15 (b) CONSULTATION.—In compiling the report, the
 16 Secretary shall consult with transit agencies, States, zero-
 17 emission bus manufacturers, and other stakeholders that
 18 the Secretary determines are appropriate.

19 (c) UPDATES TO REPORT.—The Secretary shall up-
 20 date the report required under subsection (a) annually.

21 **SEC. 4. PREFERENCE UNDER LOW- OR NO-EMISSION VEHI-**
 22 **CLE PROGRAM FOR OPERATORS WITH FULL**
 23 **FLEET TRANSITION PLANS.**

24 Section 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
 25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(8) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under
2 this subsection, the Secretary shall give preference
3 to applicants who have completed a full fleet transi-
4 tion plan.”.

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