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H. R. 8621

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORELLE (for himself and Mr. ELLZEY) 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 “Get Our Kids to School
5 Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.**

7 (a) EXTENDED WAIVER PERIOD.—In the case of a
8 covered waiver, the period specified in section 31315(a)(1)
9 of title 49, United States Code, shall be treated as a period
10 not in excess of 1 year.

1 (b) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FURTHER EXTENSION OF
2 WAIVER.—Not later than 120 days after the date of en-
3 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall solicit public com-
4 ments on the feasibility and potential benefits of granting
5 a covered waiver of unlimited duration.

6 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, funds made available to a State
8 under section 31313 of title 49, United States Code, may
9 be used by the State to assist with costs associated with
10 a covered waiver.

11 (d) COVERED WAIVER DEFINED.—In this section,
12 the term “covered waiver” means a waiver that grants to
13 States the discretion to waive the engine compartment
14 component of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills require-
15 ment described in section 383.113(a)(1)(i) of title 49,
16 Code of Federal Regulations, for a commercial driver’s li-
17 cense applicant seeking to operate a school bus.

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