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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 768

Sponsors: Senators Bingham; Allran and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 3, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
2 TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY PURCHASING
3 SCHOOL BUSES THAT WILL BE ALTERNATIVE-FUEL OR LOW-EMISSION
4 VEHICLES.

5 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
7 shall study the costs and benefits of purchasing alternative-fuel or low-emission school
8 buses by the Department of Public Instruction. In its study, the Committee shall review
9 the findings in the draft plan for implementing alternative fuel or low-emission school
10 buses in North Carolina prepared by the Department of Public Instruction in August
11 2000. The Committee shall examine whether the use of compressed natural gas (CNG)
12 buses, as piloted in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, is cost-effective enough
13 to expand to other counties. The Committee shall consider whether the currently
14 manufactured diesel low-emission vehicles (LEV) are meeting clean air standards at an
15 affordable cost. The Committee shall also consider funding sources including grant
16 programs like the Texas School Bus Propane Rebate Program.

17 The Committee may make an interim report to the 2004 Regular Session of
18 the 2005 General Assembly and a final report to the 2005 General Assembly.

19 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.