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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of biodiesel fuel in school buses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The section heading of section 24-163.9, as amended by local law number 38 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 24-163.9 Retrofitting [of and], age limitations [on] and fuel use of diesel fuel-powered school buses.

§ 2. Section 24-163.9 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision k to read as follows:

k. (i) Diesel fuel-powered school buses shall be powered by fuel that is ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.

(ii) The chancellor of the New York city department of education and the commissioner of citywide administrative services shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of utilizing at least five percent biodiesel (B5) and up to twenty percent biodiesel (B20) by volume in city contracted diesel fuel-powered buses used for pupil and school transportation. The study shall include a review of the types and models of buses that are used pursuant to existing school bus contracts and their compatibility with biodiesel blends; the mode of fueling by school bus contractors including in-house, retail or fuel truck; supply availability of biodiesel for each mode of fueling for the use of biodiesel in school buses; and other relevant issues including barriers, opportunities, and regulatory requirements related to the use of biodiesel in buses used pursuant to school bus contracts. No later than June 30, 2019, the chancellor of the department of education and the commissioner of citywide administrative services shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council detailing the findings of this study with recommendations relating to the

use of biodiesel blends of at least five percent (B5) and up to twenty percent (B20) by volume in city contracted diesel fuel-powered buses used for pupil and school transportation.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.