



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2235

Introduced 2/8/2023, by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/29-6.1

from Ch. 122, par. 29-6.1

Amends the Transportation Article of the School Code. Provides that school boards may enter into contracts for any period of time deemed appropriate by those school boards (rather than for up to 3 years) for transportation of pupils to and from school, except that no contract, inclusive of any proposed renewals, may exceed 10 years (rather than allowing such contracts to be extended for up to 2 additional years by mutual agreement of the parties and thereafter extended on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of the parties, unless a school board receives a timely request from another interested contractor that a contract be let by bid). Requires all contracts for a period of time greater than 5 years that do not include the use of electric vehicles for pupil transportation to include a termination option after 5 years. Allows contract opener clauses for any purpose to be included in the contract. Provides that a contract for pupil transportation that utilizes a significant percentage of electric vehicles may be entered into by a school board for up to 15 years if the contract relies on capital or infrastructure purchases or improvements that cannot reasonably be justified in a shorter-term contract.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 29-6.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/29-6.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 29-6.1)

7 Sec. 29-6.1. Contracts for transportation. Subject to
8 Section 6-106.11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, school boards
9 may enter into contracts for any period of time deemed
10 appropriate by those school boards ~~up to 3 years~~ for
11 transportation of pupils to and from school; however, no
12 contract, inclusive of any proposed renewals, may exceed 10
13 years. All contracts for a period of time greater than 5 years
14 that do not include the use of electric vehicles for pupil
15 transportation shall include a termination option after 5
16 years. Nothing in this Section prohibits contract opener
17 clauses for any purpose from being included in the contract. A
18 contract for pupil transportation that utilizes a significant
19 percentage of electric vehicles may be entered into by a
20 school board for up to 15 years if the contract relies on
21 capital or infrastructure purchases or improvements that
22 cannot reasonably be justified in a shorter-term contract.
23 ~~Such contracts may be extended for up to 2 additional years by~~

1 ~~mutual agreement of the parties, and thereafter may be~~
2 ~~extended on a year-to-year basis by mutual agreement of the~~
3 ~~parties, however no such contract may be extended on a~~
4 ~~year-to-year basis if a school board receives a timely request~~
5 ~~from another interested contractor that a contract be let by~~
6 ~~bid.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 84-768.)