388.1674a.added Conversion of buses from diesel fuel to natural gas; pilot project.

Sec. 74a. From the school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00 for 2014-2015 for a pilot project providing grants to districts to convert buses from diesel fuel to natural gas. In order to be eligible for a grant, a district shall provide the department with information on the cost of fuel for the converted buses, expressed in dollars per mile driven. Grants to eligible districts shall not exceed $8,000.00 per bus converted, with a maximum grant per district not to exceed $30,000.00. Districts seeking grants under this section shall apply to the department not later than November 1, 2014. The department shall rank order all districts that apply for grants based on miles driven in the previous school year, and shall award grants to districts with the highest number of miles driven, until all funding is awarded.