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S.B. No. 1949

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of Texas Emissions Reduction Plan funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 386.252(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Money in the fund may be used only to implement and administer programs established under the plan. Money appropriated to the commission to be used for the programs under Section 386.051(b) shall be allocated as follows:

(1) not more than four percent may be used for the clean school bus program under Chapter 390;

(2) not more than three percent may be used for the new technology implementation grant program under Chapter 391, from which at least \$1 million will be set aside for electricity storage projects related to renewable energy;

(3) five percent shall be used for the clean fleet program under Chapter 392;

(4) not more than \$1 [~~\$3~~] million may be used by the commission to fund a regional air monitoring program in commission Regions 3 and 4 to be implemented under the commission's oversight, including direction regarding the type, number, location, and operation of, and data validation practices for, monitors funded by the program through a regional nonprofit entity located in North Texas having representation from counties, municipalities, higher

1 education institutions, and private sector interests across the
2 area;

3 (5) not less than 16 percent shall be used for the
4 Texas natural gas vehicle grant program under Chapter 394;

5 (6) not more than five percent may be used to provide
6 grants for natural gas fueling stations under the clean
7 transportation triangle program under Section 394.010;

8 (7) not more than five percent may be used for the
9 Texas alternative fueling facilities program under Chapter 393;

10 (8) a specified amount may be used each year to support
11 research related to air quality as provided by Chapter 387;

12 (9) not more than \$200,000 may be used for a health
13 effects study;

14 (10) \$200,000 [~~\$500,000~~] is to be deposited in the
15 state treasury to the credit of the clean air account created under
16 Section 382.0622 to supplement funding for air quality planning
17 activities in affected counties;

18 (11) at least \$4 million and up to four percent to a
19 maximum of \$7 million, whichever is greater, is allocated to the
20 commission for administrative costs;

21 (12) at least two percent and up to five percent of the
22 fund is to be used by the commission for the drayage truck incentive
23 program established under Subchapter D-1;

24 (13) not more than five percent may be used for the
25 light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program
26 established under Subchapter D;

27 (14) not more than \$216,000 is allocated to the

1 commission to contract with the Energy Systems Laboratory at the
2 Texas Engineering Experiment Station annually for the development
3 and annual computation of creditable statewide emissions
4 reductions obtained through wind and other renewable energy
5 resources for the state implementation plan;

6 (15) 1.5 percent of the money in the fund is allocated
7 for administrative costs incurred by the laboratory; and

8 (16) at least 50 percent, and any remaining balance as
9 determined by the commission, ~~[the balance]~~ is to be used by the
10 commission for the diesel emissions reduction incentive program
11 under Subchapter C ~~[as determined by the commission]~~.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.