

Summary of Air Quality Bills Signed into Law - 81st Legislative Session-

HB 1796: Sections 4 – 31 Various Air Quality Initiatives added from SB 16

- Funds for “Advanced Clean Energy Projects”
 - an **annual average** emission rate for nitrogen oxides of 0.05 pounds or less per million British thermal units
- LIRAP Funds
 - Extended timeframe from 5 to 10 business days for transfer of funds from counties to car dealerships
 - Local Initiative Project (LIP) funds cannot be used on **local government fleet or vehicle acquisition or replacement**
 - LIP Funds – Option for TCEQ to remove 50% match requirement for vehicle I&M fraud detection projects
- TERP program and fees extended to 2019.
- Clean School Bus Program extended to 2019

SB 1759: Texas Clean Fleet Program

- Purpose – to encourage owners of a fleet of diesel-powered vehicles to replace them with alternate-fueled or hybrid vehicles. Grants provided by TCEQ to offset incremental costs of eligible projects for fleet owners.
- Entity receiving grant must operate at least 100 vehicles and place 25 or more qualifying vehicles in use in the state during a calendar year
- Eligible projects must result in at least a 25% reduction in NOx emissions
- A vehicle or engine replaced under this program must be rendered permanently inoperable
- The TCEQ may allow COGs to receive third-party grants for administering under this program