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SYNOPSIS
Requires certain school buses to be equipped with lap and shoulder seat belts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on June 18, 2018, with amendments.
AN ACT concerning school buses and amending P.L.1992, c.92.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.92 (C.39:3B-10) is amended to read as follows:
   1. In addition to the requirements in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 [(49 CFR s.571.222)] (49 C.F.R. s.571.222)\(^1\) concerning school bus passenger seating and crash protection, each school bus as defined in R.S.39:1-1 shall be equipped with seats of a minimum seat back height of 28 inches, or 24 inches as measured from the seating reference point, and three-point lap and shoulder seat belts [of the lap belt type] for each seating position on the bus or other child restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal standards. The design and installation of seat belts or other child restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal standards shall conform to the regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education, in consultation with the [Director] Chief Administrator of the [Division of] New Jersey Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety Vehicle Commission. The State board shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), for the design and installation of seat belts or other child restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal standards. As used in this section "seating reference point" shall be defined as the term is defined in [(49 CFR s.571.3)] 49 C.F.R.s.571.3\(^1\).
   (cf: P.L.1992, c.92, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to school buses manufactured on or after the 180th day following enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
\(^1\)Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted June 18, 2018.