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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning school buses and amending P.L.1992, c.92.

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

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6 1. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.92 (C.39:3B-10) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 1. In addition to the requirements in Federal Motor Vehicle
9 Safety Standard No. 222 (49 CFR s.571.222) concerning school bus
10 passenger seating and crash protection, each school bus as defined
11 in R.S.39:1-1 shall be equipped with seats of a minimum seat back
12 height of 28 inches, or 24 inches as measured from the seating
13 reference point, and three-point lap and shoulder seat belts **[of the**
14 **lap belt type]** for each seating position on the bus or other child
15 restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal
16 standards. The design and installation of seat belts or other child
17 restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal
18 standards shall conform to the regulations promulgated by the State
19 Board of Education, in consultation with the **[Director]** Chief
20 Administrator of the **[Division of]** Motor **[Vehicles in the**
21 **Department of Law and Public Safety]** Vehicle Commission. The
22 State board shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to the
23 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
24 seq.), for the design and installation of seat belts or other child
25 restraint systems that are in conformity with applicable federal
26 standards.

27 As used in this section "seating reference point" shall be defined
28 as the term is defined in 49 CFR s.571.3.

29 (cf: P.L.1992, c.92, s.1)

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

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires that all school buses manufactured on or after the
39 180th day following the bill's enactment be equipped with three-point
40 lap and shoulder seat belts. Under current law, school buses are
41 required to be equipped with only lap belts.

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.