



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB3377

by Rep. Lou Lang

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-807.3 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a school district or a school bus company under contract with a school district shall not operate a Type I or Type II school bus manufactured after the effective date of the bill unless the bus is equipped with a set of 3-point seat belts or any other federally approved restraint system under 49 CFR 571.222 in good operating condition for each passenger seat and a rooftop safety hatch. Provides that the provision shall not apply to a school bus that is legally registered in another state and displaying valid registration plates of that state if the bus is not operated in Illinois on a regular basis and the bus is operated in Illinois in connection with a cultural, tourist, athletic, or other similar activity for students enrolled in a school located outside of Illinois. Provides that nothing in the provision shall make a school district or a school bus company liable for a passenger's failure to properly adjust or fasten a seat belt or other restraint system. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 12-807.3 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-807.3 new)

7 Sec. 12-807.3. Seat safety belts; rooftop safety hatch.

8 (a) A school district or a school bus company under  
9 contract with a school district shall not operate a Type I or  
10 Type II school bus manufactured after the effective date of  
11 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly unless that  
12 bus is equipped with a set of 3-point seat belts or any other  
13 federally approved restraint system under 49 CFR 571.222 in  
14 good operating condition for each passenger seat and a rooftop  
15 safety hatch. The Department shall adopt rules governing the  
16 standards for the seat belts and belt anchorages.

17 (b) This Section shall not apply to a school bus that is  
18 legally registered in another state and displaying valid  
19 registration plates of that state if the bus is not operated in  
20 Illinois on a regular basis and the bus is operated in Illinois  
21 in connection with a cultural, tourist, athletic, or other  
22 similar activity for students enrolled in a school located  
23 outside of Illinois.

1       (c) Nothing in this Section shall make a school district or  
2       a school bus company liable for a passenger's failure to  
3       properly adjust and fasten a seat belt or other restraint  
4       system under this Section.

5       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6       becoming law.