



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3374

Introduced 2/22/2021, by Rep. Daniel Didech

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 unless the bus is equipped with a set of 3-point seat belts or any other federally approved restraint system in good operating condition for each passenger seat and a rooftop safety hatch. Provides that the new language does 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 new provisions 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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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 102nd 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 does 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
2 or 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.