

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 130

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MTR VEHICLE/BUSES-SCHOOL: Provides relative to occupant restraint systems on school buses.

DIGEST

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations to require that every bus used primarily for the transportation of students be equipped with occupant restraint systems, but is subject to the appropriation of funds.

Proposed law repeals this funding condition and applies the occupant restraint system requirement to charter school buses.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to new buses placed in service after Jan. 1, 2023.

Proposed law provides that school bus occupant restraint systems may include lap belts.

Proposed law provides that no public school governing authority or its employees, agents, or contractors have a duty to monitor student use of an occupant restraint system on a school bus.

Proposed law requires the manufacturer of a school bus sold for use in Louisiana to provide lap belt occupant restraints as standard equipment at no extra cost.

(Amends R.S. 17:164.2(A) and (C) and 3996(B)(54); adds R.S. 17:164.2(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Remove a deadline for implementation.
2. Make present law applicable only to new buses placed in service after Jan. 1, 2023.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical correction.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill

1. Provides that school bus occupant restraint systems may include lap belts.
2. Provides that public school governing authorities and their employees, agents, and contractors have no duty to monitor student seat belt use.
3. Requires bus manufactures to include occupant restrains systems on buses sold for use in La. as standard equipment at no extra cost.