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HOUSE BILL 1646

Short Title: Seat Belts on Activity Buses.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Cole, Adams, Luebke, and Mosley.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

May 28, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL
ACTIVITY BUSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-240(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall from time to time adopt such rules and regulations with reference to the construction, equipment, color, and maintenance of school buses, the number of pupils who may be permitted to ride at the same time upon any bus, and the age and qualifications of drivers of school buses as it shall deem to be desirable for the purpose of promoting safety in the operation of school buses. No school bus shall be operated for the transportation of pupils unless such bus is constructed and maintained as prescribed in such regulations and is equipped with adequate heating facilities, a standard signaling device for giving due notice that the bus is about to make a turn, an alternating flashing stoplight on the front of the bus, an alternating flashing stoplight on the rear of the bus, and such other warning devices, fire protective equipment and first aid supplies as may be prescribed for installation upon such buses by the regulation of the State Board of Education. No school activity bus purchased as new equipment on or after July 1, 1998, shall be operated for the transportation of pupils unless the activity bus is equipped with safety belts meeting federal standards."

1 Section 2. The Board of Education shall report to the General Assembly on the
2 first day of the 1999 Session any statutory changes and appropriations necessary to
3 mandate and accomplish the installation, by December 31, 1999, of safety belts meeting
4 federal standards on all school activity buses operated in this State.

5 Section 3. Effective July 1, 1998, all school activity buses purchased as new
6 equipment shall be equipped with safety belts meeting federal standards.

7 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.