

SB0191



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/22/2025, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-826 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires, beginning January 1, 2027, each designated seating position in any newly purchased or leased school bus to be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso seat safety belt system in good operating condition and meeting all applicable federal standards. Provides that the provisions do 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. Effective immediately.

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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 12-826 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-826 new)

7 Sec. 12-826. Seat safety belts required.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, each designated seating
9 position in any newly purchased or leased school bus shall be
10 equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso seat safety
11 belt system (also known as a 3-point seat safety belt, Type 2
12 seat safety belt, or lap and shoulder restraint system) in
13 good operating condition and meeting all applicable federal
14 standards.

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

22 (c) As used in this Section, "school bus" includes school
23 activity bus, multi-function school activity bus, and

1 school-chartered bus.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.