

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 July 1, 2031, each designated seating  
9 position in any newly purchased school bus shall be equipped  
10 with a combination pelvic and upper torso seat safety belt  
11 system (also known as a 3-point seat safety belt, Type 2 seat  
12 safety belt, or lap and shoulder restraint system) in good  
13 operating condition and meeting all applicable federal  
14 standards.

15 (b) Nothing in this Section requires a public or nonpublic  
16 school, school district, transportation provider or  
17 contractor, or other entity operating a school bus, including  
18 a bus driver, bus aide, volunteer, or other staff, to ensure  
19 that the seat safety belt or other restraint system is  
20 correctly adjusted and fastened or to give instruction on how  
21 to correctly adjust or fasten the seat safety belt or other  
22 restraint system.

23 (c) This Section does not apply to a school bus that is

1 leased by a school district or a school bus that is legally  
2 registered in another state and displaying valid registration  
3 plates of that state if the bus is not operated in Illinois in  
4 connection with a cultural, tourist, athletic, or other  
5 similar activity for students enrolled in a school located  
6 outside of Illinois.

7 (d) As used in this Section, "school bus" has the meaning  
8 given to that term in Section 1-182.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.