

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.