



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4250

Introduced 1/27/2020, by Rep. Robyn Gabel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-40-2a
625 ILCS 5/12-807
30 ILCS 805/8.44 new

from Ch. 24, par. 11-40-2a
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-807

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2021, each school bus that is purchased new shall be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that school districts require all passengers on those buses to wear seat safety belts. Provides that, except for willful or wanton misconduct, a school bus driver may not be held personally liable for the failure of passengers to wear seat safety belts. Limits home rule powers. Makes a corresponding change in the Illinois Municipal Code. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

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 Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Section 11-40-2a as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-40-2a) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-40-2a)

7 Sec. 11-40-2a. Except as otherwise provided in this
8 Section, the corporate authorities of any city of 1,000,000 or
9 more inhabitants may, subject to the provisions of the "The
10 Illinois Vehicle Code, ~~"~~, ~~as now and hereafter amended~~
11 regulate, license and prescribe safety requirements for motor
12 vehicles used to transport for hire students to or from a
13 school where students are in attendance except (a) those
14 belonging to or used by a common carrier or public utility
15 operating under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce
16 Commission, and (b) those under the jurisdiction of the State
17 Board of Education or owned by the Chicago Transit Authority.
18 ~~However, no such municipality, including any home rule unit,~~
19 ~~may require that school buses be equipped with seat safety~~
20 ~~belts while transporting students who reside and attend schools~~
21 ~~situated outside of the corporate limits of the municipality,~~
22 ~~and it is declared to be the law of this State, pursuant to~~
23 ~~paragraph (g) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois~~

1 ~~Constitution, that this amendatory Act of 1986 is a limitation~~
2 ~~on and denial of the powers of a home rule unit to impose such a~~
3 ~~requirement.~~ In this Section "school" means any public, private
4 or parochial elementary or secondary school or nursery.

5 (Source: P.A. 84-1374.)

6 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
7 changing Section 12-807 as follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/12-807) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-807)

9 Sec. 12-807. Seat safety belts ~~belt for driver.~~

10 (a) Each school bus shall be equipped with a retractable
11 lap belt assembly for the driver's seat. No school bus shall be
12 operated unless the driver is ~~has~~ properly restrained ~~himself~~
13 with the lap belt assembly.

14 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, each school bus that is
15 purchased new may not be used to transport students unless it
16 is equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger.

17 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
18 ensure that school districts require all passengers on those
19 buses to wear seat safety belts.

20 (d) Except for willful or wanton misconduct, a school bus
21 driver may not be held personally liable for the failure of
22 passengers to wear seat safety belts.

23 (e) A home rule unit may not regulate seat safety belts on
24 school buses in a manner inconsistent with the regulation by

1 the State of seat safety belts on school buses. This Section is
2 a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII
3 of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home
4 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

5 (Source: P.A. 78-1244.)

6 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
7 Section 8.44 as follows:

8 (30 ILCS 805/8.44 new)

9 Sec. 8.44. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
10 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
11 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
12 the 101st General Assembly.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.