

As Introduced

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H. B. No. 680

Representative Barnes

A BILL

To enact sections 5.49 and 4511.773 of the Revised Code to require all passenger seats on school buses to be equipped with occupant restraining devices beginning on July 1, 2019, and to designate "Safe School Week." 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5.49 and 4511.773 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6
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Sec. 5.49. The third full week of October is designated as "Safe School Week." 8
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Sec. 4511.773. (A) As used in this section: 10

(1) "Occupant restraining device" means a type 2 seat belt assembly that conforms with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. 571. 11
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(2) "School" means any of the following: 13

(a) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; 14
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(b) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; 16
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<u>(c) A college-prepatory boarding school established under</u>	18
<u>Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;</u>	19
<u>(d) A chartered nonpublic school;</u>	20
<u>(e) A nonchartered nonpublic school.</u>	21
<u>(3) "School district" includes a city, exempted village,</u>	22
<u>local, and joint vocational school district.</u>	23
<u>(B) On and after July 1, 2019, no school, school district,</u>	24
<u>person, or governmental entity shall purchase, own, lease, or</u>	25
<u>rent a school bus unless the school bus is equipped with</u>	26
<u>occupant restraining devices in sufficient number to allow each</u>	27
<u>passenger to use an occupant restraining device.</u>	28
<u>(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor</u>	29
<u>misdemeanor.</u>	30