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H.B. No. 229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to three-point seat belts on school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 547.701(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A school bus shall be equipped with:

(1) a convex mirror or other device that reflects to the school bus operator a clear view of the area immediately in front of the vehicle that would otherwise be hidden from view; ~~and~~

(2) signal lamps that:

(A) are mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable;

(B) display four alternately flashing red lights, two located on the front at the same level and two located on the rear at the same level; and

(C) emit a light visible at a distance of 500 feet in normal sunlight; and

(3) a three-point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator, if the bus is acquired on or after September 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.