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H.B. No. 323

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 323:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to three-point seat belts on buses that transport  
3 schoolchildren.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 547.701, Transportation  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 547.701. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL  
8 BUSES AND OTHER BUSES USED TO TRANSPORT SCHOOLCHILDREN.

9 SECTION 2. Section 547.701, Transportation Code, is amended  
10 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

11 (e) In this subsection, "bus" includes a school bus, a  
12 school activity bus, a school-chartered bus, and a bus operated by a  
13 mass transit authority under contract with a school district. A bus  
14 operated by or contracted for use by a school district for the  
15 transportation of schoolchildren shall be equipped with a  
16 three-point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator.  
17 This subsection applies to:

18 (1) each bus purchased by a school district on or after  
19 September 1, 2010, for the transportation of schoolchildren; and

20 (2) each bus operated by or contracted for use by a  
21 school district on or after September 1, 2014, for the  
22 transportation of schoolchildren.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.