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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a school bus; creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 545.426 to read as follows:

Sec. 545.426. OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUS. (a) A person may not operate a school bus if the number of passengers on the bus is greater than the manufacturer's design capacity for the bus.

(b) An operator of a school bus, while operating the bus, may prohibit a passenger from:

(1) standing in the bus; or

(2) sitting:

(A) on the floor of the bus; or

(B) in any location on the bus that is not designed as a seat.

(c) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce this section.

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