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S.B. No. 1028

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the offense of operating or riding in a passenger
3 vehicle while not secured by a safety belt.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 545.413, Transportation
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A person commits an offense if:

8 (1) the person:

9 (A) is at least 15 years of age;

10 (B) is riding in [~~the front seat of~~] a passenger
11 vehicle while the vehicle is being operated;

12 (C) is occupying a seat that is equipped with a
13 safety belt; and

14 (D) is not secured by a safety belt; or

15 (2) as the operator of a school bus equipped with a
16 safety belt for the operator's seat, the person is not secured by
17 the safety belt.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.