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"AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF SEAT SAFETY BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof
2 the following:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Department of Motor
4 Vehicles shall administer a program to provide funding to offset a
5 portion of sales tax on the purchase of school buses equipped with 3-
6 point lap/shoulder seat safety belts installed during the manufacture
7 of such buses. From July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2017, inclusive, a
8 local or regional school district may submit an application to the
9 department, on a form provided by said department, which shall
10 include a proposed agreement between such district and a private
11 carrier under contract with such district for the provision of
12 transportation of school children. Such agreement shall require such
13 carrier to provide the district with at least one but not more than fifty
14 school buses, each of which shall be equipped with such seat belts, and

15 shall include a request by such carrier for funds in an amount equal to
16 fifty per cent of the sales tax paid by the carrier for the purchase of any
17 such bus purchased on or after July 1, 2011. Such agreement shall be
18 contingent upon approval of the application and the payment of such
19 amount by the department. The department shall make any such
20 payments with funds available from the School Bus Seat Belt account
21 established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-50b of the general
22 statutes, as amended by this act.

23 (b) A school district participating in the program shall provide
24 written notice concerning the availability and proper use of such seat
25 belts to a parent or legal guardian of each student who will be
26 transported on such school bus. A school district shall instruct such
27 students on the proper use, fastening and unfastening of such seat
28 belts.

29 (c) No local or regional school district, carrier with whom a local or
30 regional school district has contracted for the transportation of
31 students, or operator of a school bus shall be liable for damages for
32 injury resulting solely from a student's use, misuse or failure to use a
33 seat safety belt installed on a school bus used in the program
34 established under this section.

35 (d) During the 2018 regular session of the General Assembly, the
36 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
37 of matters relating to Transportation and Education shall conduct a
38 joint public hearing on the level of participation in such program and
39 its effectiveness with respect to the use of seat belts. Not later than
40 March 1, 2018, the joint standing committees shall make a
41 recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the continuation
42 of such program.

43 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-50b of the general
44 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
45 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

46 (a) Any person whose operator's license or right to operate a motor

47 vehicle in this state has been suspended or revoked by the
 48 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or who has been disqualified from
 49 operating a commercial motor vehicle, shall pay a restoration fee of
 50 [one hundred twenty-five] one hundred seventy-five dollars to said
 51 commissioner prior to the issuance to such person of a new operator's
 52 license or the restoration of such operator's license or such privilege to
 53 operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle. Such restoration
 54 fee shall be in addition to any other fees provided by law. The
 55 commissioner shall deposit fifty dollars of such fee in a separate
 56 nonlapsing School Bus Seat Belt account which shall be established
 57 within the General Fund.

58 (b) Any person whose motor vehicle registration or right of
 59 operation of a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended or
 60 revoked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall pay a restoration
 61 fee of [one hundred twenty-five] one hundred seventy-five dollars to
 62 said commissioner prior to the issuance to such person of a new
 63 registration or the restoration of such registration or such right of
 64 operation. Such restoration fee shall be in addition to any other fees
 65 provided by law. The commissioner shall deposit fifty dollars of such
 66 fee in the School Bus Seat Belt account established pursuant to
 67 subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2010	14-50b(a) and (b)