

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act requiring seat belts on school buses.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1504 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act requiring seat belts on school buses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 7B of chapter 90 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by adding after criteria (18) the following:- "(19) Every  
3 school bus transporting students to or from a public, vocational, private or parochial school shall  
4 be equipped with a seatbelt for each permanent seating accommodation designed and installed in  
5 compliance with United States motor vehicle D.O.T. safety standards."

6           SECTION 2. A city or town may enact a local ordinance or bylaw requiring that school  
7 buses operating within the municipality must be equipped with seatbelts at an earlier  
8 implementation date.

9           SECTION 3. No claim for damages shall arise from the failure of a school bus operator, a  
10 school, school district or municipality to ensure that a passenger of a school bus was wearing the  
11 restraint system prescribed by Sections 7B of Chapter 90 of the general laws.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.