

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2574 Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 15, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for school bus requirements.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 4552 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
7 § 4552. General requirements for school buses.

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9 (b.4) Use of child restraint systems.--Every school bus  
10 shall be equipped with a child restraint system that is in  
11 conformity with 49 CFR 571.222 (relating to school bus passenger  
12 seating and crash protection). The child restraint system is  
13 mandated according to the following schedule:

14 (1) School buses may be equipped with a child restraint  
15 system after December 31, 1999.

16 (2) Every new school bus purchased and manufactured  
17 after June 30, 2001, shall be equipped with a child restraint

1     system.

2           (3) By July 1, 2005, every school bus shall be equipped  
3     with a child restraint system. Every school student shall be  
4     required to use the child restraint system when the school  
5     bus is in motion. Nothing in this subsection shall make the  
6     owner or operator of a school bus liable for failure to  
7     properly adjust and fasten a seat belt or other child  
8     restraint system that is in conformity with applicable  
9     Federal standards for a passenger who sustains injury as a  
10    direct result of the passenger's failure to comply with the  
11    requirement established by this section. The department shall  
12    adopt regulations implementing this subsection.

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14    Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.