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A BILL

To enact section 4511.773 of the Revised Code to 1
require occupant restraining devices to be 2
installed on all school buses within five years. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4511.773 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4511.773. (A) As used in this section: 6

(1) "Occupant restraining device" means a type 2 seat belt 7
assembly that conforms with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. 571. 8

(2) "School" means any of the following: 9

(a) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of 10
the Revised Code; 11

(b) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the 12
Revised Code; 13

(c) A college-preparatory boarding school established 14
under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code; 15

(d) A chartered nonpublic school; 16

<u>(e) A nonchartered nonpublic school.</u>	17
<u>(3) "School district" includes a city, exempted village,</u> <u>local, and joint vocational school district.</u>	18 19
<u>(B) Not later than five years after the effective date of</u> <u>this section, every school bus that is purchased, owned, leased,</u> <u>or rented by a school or school district shall be equipped with</u> <u>occupant restraining devices in a sufficient number to allow</u> <u>each student who is being transported by that school bus to use</u> <u>a separate occupant restraining device.</u>	20 21 22 23 24 25
<u>(C) The state highway patrol shall enforce division (B) of</u> <u>this section through its school bus inspections conducted in</u> <u>accordance with section 4511.761 of the Revised Code.</u>	26 27 28