

House Bill 3073

Sponsored by Representative HACK

SUMMARY

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Requires safety belts on school buses and school activity vehicles that provide transportation for state's kindergarten through grade 12 public schools.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to school vehicles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 820.100.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
4 **Code.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Every school bus and school activity vehicle that is intended for use in**
6 **this state must be equipped with the same number of safety belts as there are designated**
7 **seating positions in the bus or activity vehicle.**

8 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to school buses and school activity vehicles that**
9 **provide transportation for the state's kindergarten through grade 12 public schools.**

10 **(3) Safety belts required under this section must conform to standards adopted by the**
11 **State Board of Education by rule under ORS 820.100.**

12 **SECTION 3. ORS 820.100 is amended to read:**

13 820.100. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce [*such*] **rules establishing**
14 reasonable standards relating to school bus and school activity vehicle construction and school bus
15 and school activity vehicle equipment as the board deems necessary for safe and economical opera-
16 tion, except that the board may not authorize the use of school buses manufactured before April 1,
17 1977.

18 (2) The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 may adopt and enforce
19 **rules establishing** separate standards of the type described under this section for school buses and
20 school activity vehicles that are under the governing board's jurisdiction, except that the governing
21 board may not authorize the use of school buses manufactured before April 1, 1977.

22 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce **rules establishing** standards for
23 school bus stop arms authorized by ORS 820.105.

24 (4) **The State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce rules establishing standards for**
25 **safety belts on school buses and school activity vehicles that provide transportation for the**
26 **state's kindergarten through grade 12 public schools. The department may require a school**
27 **district to verify with the department compliance with section 2 of this 2017 Act.**

28 [(4)] (5) Standards adopted under this section:

29 (a) Must be consistent with requirements established by statute or by rule adopted under stat-
30 utory authority that relate to the same subject.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (b) Shall be consistent with minimum uniform national standards, if such standards exist.
- 2 (c) May include different requirements for different classes or types of school buses or school
- 3 activity vehicles.
- 4 (d) May include any exemptions determined appropriate under ORS 820.150.
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