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SENATE No. 1214

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1214) of William R. Keating for legislation relative to the elimination of standees on school buses. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING THE ELIMINATION OF STANDEES 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 7B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 clause (2) and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —
4 Clause (2) The operator of a school bus shall not allow the
5 number of school pupils riding in the bus at any one time to exceed
6 the number of adequate thirteen inch seats therein nor shall the
7 operator drive said bus until each pupil is seated; provided
8 however that any such bus in which adequate straps, handles or
9 other supports are available for standing passengers may carry
10 not more than three standees in any case of an emergency, for
11 a period not to exceed more than five consecutive school days.

