

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

House of Representatives, April 30, 1970.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom were referred so much of the message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Acting Governor, recommending legislation relative to highway safety (House, No. 5001) as relates to protecting children riding in school buses (App. F), the Bill to protect children riding in school buses (House, No. 5112); the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 96) of John J. Conte for legislation to prohibit standees in school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Francis C. Lapointe for legislation to require attendants on certain school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 484) of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Joseph B. Walsh for legislation to make certain changes in the school bus law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 644) of Francis C. Lapointe for legislation to establish safety measures for the debarkation and embarkation of certain school children on school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 758) of Joseph M. Kearney for legislation to prohibit standees in school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1639) of John F. St. Cyr and Paul W. Cronin for legislation to require that students be allowed time to reach a seat before a school bus is started; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1773) of Richard E. McLaughlin (Registrar of Motor Vehicles) that operators of school buses be required to be secured by a safety seat belt; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1779) of Richard E. McLaughlin (Registrar of Motor Vehicles) and William G. Reinstein for legislation to prohibit standees in School buses and to require monitors for such buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1966) of David C. Ahearn for legislation to require safety seat belts on school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Michael J. Daly for legislation to limit the number of standees in buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2395) of Lois G. Pines and H. James Shea, Jr., for legislation to define the definition of a school

bus and providing additional protection for the riders thereof; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2512) of James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to prohibit standees in school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2513) of James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to require school buses to be equipped with seat belts for each pupil carried thereon; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3124) of Joseph M. Kearney that additional attendants be required to accompany students on certain school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3131) of John F. St. Cyr, Harry A. S. Read and Paul W. Cronin for legislation to prohibit standees in school buses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3132) of John F. St. Cyr and Paul W. Cronin for requiring school buses to have additional attendants accompanying students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3135) of John F. St. Cyr and Paul W. Cronin relative to the authority of school bus drivers or monitors, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3321) of John F. St. Cyr for legislation to require the installation of seat belts in school buses and requiring the use thereof by students and the bus driver; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3323) of John F. St. Cyr, Harry A. S. Read, and Paul W. Cronin that students who are transported in school buses shall be instructed relative to safety and discipline when boarding, exiting and riding in such buses, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5448).

For the committee,

RALPH SERIANNI.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF 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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out clause (2) of section 7B thereof, and by  
3 inserting in its place the following clause:

4 (2) Each school bus shall contain adequate seating accom-  
5 modations for each passenger transported therein, and no  
6 passenger shall be allowed to stand while such bus is in motion.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 90 is hereby further amended by  
2 adding at the end of section 7B the following two clauses:

3 (8) A seat safety belt shall be provided for the operator in  
4 every school bus, and the operator shall at all times be secured in  
5 such belt while such bus is carrying passengers as a school bus and  
6 is in motion.

7 (9) Each school bus shall in addition to the operator, carry at  
8 least one person, twenty-one years of age or older whose duties  
9 shall include, but not be limited to assisting in the maintenance of  
10 order and safety while the bus is in motion and while passengers  
11 are boarding and leaving.

1 SECTION 3. Said Chapter 90 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 7L thereof, as inserted by Chapter 713 of the  
3 Acts of 1968.

1 SECTION 4. The commissioner of education is authorized and  
2 directed to include in computing the reimbursement to any city  
3 or town for the expense of transportation of pupils, in accord-  
4 ance with the provisions of Chapters 69, 71, and 74 of the  
5 General Laws, or any other applicable statute, rule or regulation,  
6 such additional expense as may be properly incurred or paid by  
7 such city or town as the result of the passage of this act.

1 SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall take effect on July  
2 1, 1971.