

HOUSE No. 5673

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 8, 1986.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom were referred so much of the interim report of the special commission (under Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 1984 and revived and continued by Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 1985) relative to the feasibility of requiring the mandatory use of seat belts on school buses and certain matters related thereto (House, No. 5363, App. C), and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5145) of Kevin Poirier, Thomas P. White and Philip Travis for legislation to require an additional mirror on school buses, reports recommending that the bill accompanying bill (House, No. 5673) ought to pass.

For the committee,

THOMAS P. WHITE.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS 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 (12) and inserting in place thereof the following clause;
4 Clause (12) Every school bus shall be equipped with at least
5 one interior mirror and at least two flat-surfaced rectangular
6 exterior mirrors. Every school bus shall also be equipped with
7 a system of mirrors that will give the seated driver a view of the
8 roadway to each side of the bus and of the area immediately in
9 front of the front bumper in accordance with rules and regulations
10 issued by the registrar. All such mirrors shall meet all applicable
11 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.