

# SB 546 Bus Seat Belts

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**Background**





# SB 546

Senate Bill 546, passed during the 89th Texas Legislature, strengthens standards for school buses transporting students in Texas. The bill amends Texas Transportation Code §547.701, with the addition of subsection (f), requiring that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the driver. If a school board determines that the district's budget does not allow for the purchase of buses equipped with three-point seat belts, the district must present a report in a public board meeting that

includes:

1. The number of buses operated by or contracted for use by the district that:
  - a. are not equipped with seat belts;
  - b. are equipped with two-point seat belts;
  - c. are equipped with three-point seat belts; and
2. The estimated cost to the district to equip all buses with three-point seat belts.

# Crosby ISD Bus Fleet





# Route and Trip Bus Fleet

<b>Route and Trip Bus Fleet</b>			
	<b>2-Point Seat Belts</b>	<b>3-Point Seat Belts</b>	<b>No Seat Belts</b>
<b>Buses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3/39</b>	<b>36</b>

**Retrofit Entire Route  
and Trip Bus Fleet**





# Cost to Retrofit Bus Fleet

## Cost to Retrofit Bus Fleet by Outside Vendor

<b>Buses</b>	<b>Total Cost Estimate</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>\$839,311.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>\$770,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,609,311.00</b>



# Administration Recommendation

It is recommended that the board of trustees determine that we do not have the funds in the budget to replace the entire bus fleet to become compliant with SB 546. Although, the District maintains excess fund balance, the money is being saved for portable buildings and other facility needs.

Questions?

Thank You

