

SB 546

Reporting on School Bus Seat Belt Cost



SENATE BILL 546

89th Texas Legislature

**STRENGTHENING
TEXAS SCHOOL BUS
SAFETY STANDARDS**



- Amends Texas Transportation Code §547.701 (adding subsection (f))
- Requires three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the driver.
- Applies to all school district buses.

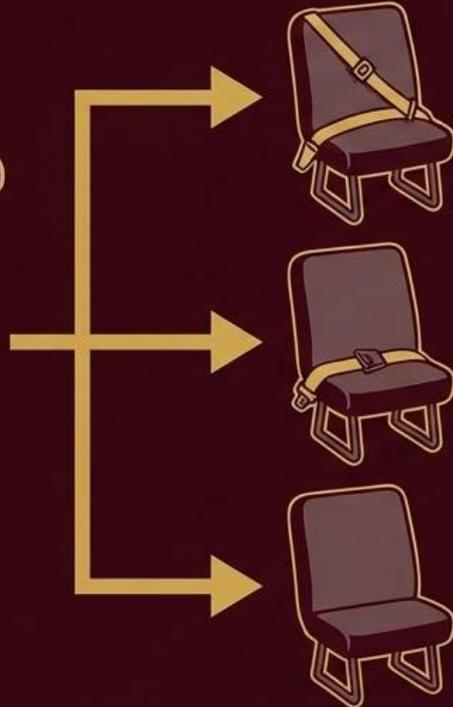
DEVINE ISD BUS FLEET

Seat Belt Status Overview



23

TOTAL BUSES



14 WITH 3-POINT
SEAT BELTS



2 WITH 2-POINT
LAP BELTS



7 NO SEAT BELTS

Retrofit cost per bus

BUS NUMBER

RETROFIT COST

Bus 053

\$70,000

Bus 071

\$70,000

Bus 072

\$70,000

Bus 082

\$70,000

Bus 111

\$35,000

Bus 141

\$35,000

Bus 171

\$35,000

Bus 172

\$35,000

Bus 142

\$27,000

Total

\$447,000



OPTIONS

RETROFIT ALL BUSES



Retrofit all existing buses with seatbelts.

BUY 2 BUSES A YEAR



Purchase 2 new buses annually to replace the fleet over time.

COMBINATION OF BOTH



Implement a mixed strategy of retrofitting and new bus purchases.

NEXT STEPS

SCHOOL BOARD VOTE



School Board to vote
at the next meeting on
proceeding.

REPORT TO SENTINEL



A report will be filed with the
Sentinel by the end of May.