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School Bus Safety Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3959	Identical bill	Jul 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

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This bill addresses safety features for school buses.

Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement rules requiring school buses to include

- a three-point safety belt at each designated seating position,
- a fire suppression system which addresses engine fires,
- a firewall that prohibits hazardous quantities of gas or flame to pass through the firewall from the engine compartment to the passenger compartment,
- an automatic emergency braking system,
- an event data recorder, and
- an electronic stability control system.

DOT must also establish a grant program to assist local educational agencies to purchase school buses equipped with three-point safety belts or any of the other safety features under this bill and assist them in modifying existing school buses to be equipped with such features.

Actions Timeline

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