

HR 3959

School Bus Safety Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 25, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2278	Identical bill	Jul 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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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

- **Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.