

S 2539

School Bus Safety Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3381	Identical bill	May 21, 2021: 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.

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