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# H. R. 2210

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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buses, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Every Child  
5 Using Restraints Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) According to a National Transportation  
9 Safety Board report, the current safety feature of  
10 compartmentalization does not protect school bus

1 passengers during lateral impacts and rollover crash-  
2 es because passengers do not always remain com-  
3 pletely in their seat.

4 (2) Studies by the National Highway Traffic  
5 Safety Administration indicated less trauma to the  
6 head and neck of those passengers wearing 3-point  
7 safety belts in school buses than by passengers in  
8 buses without 3-point safety belts or wearing only  
9 lap safety belts.

10 (3) These studies also concluded that 3-point  
11 safety belts may not be compatible with seats de-  
12 signed according to the current safety mechanism of  
13 compartmentalization.

14 (4) These studies have also shown the need for  
15 proper use of safety belts and the need for increased  
16 education in school bus safety and safety belt use.

17 **SEC. 3. SAFETY BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES.**

18 (a) SAFETY STANDARD.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
20 Transportation shall issue regulations establishing a safe-  
21 ty standard requiring that such school buses with a gross  
22 vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, as the Sec-  
23 retary determines appropriate, be equipped with 3-point  
24 safety belts on all seats.

1       (b) COMPATIBILITY WITH COMPARTMENTALIZATION  
2 SAFETY MECHANISM.—In formulating the safety stand-  
3 ard under this section, the Secretary shall consider the  
4 compatibility of 3-point safety belts on seats designed ac-  
5 cording to the current safety mechanism of  
6 compartmentalization, as designated by the National  
7 Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

8 **SEC. 4. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC**  
9 **SAFETY EDUCATION.**

10       Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall establish  
12 an elementary and secondary school traffic safety pro-  
13 gram, including providing education on the use and misuse  
14 of 3-point safety belts on all school buses.

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