

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6502

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to require new schoolbuses to be equipped with three-point safety belts at each designated seating position.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 “Seat Belts Save Lives
5 Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD REQUIRING**
7 **THREE-POINT SAFETY BELTS IN SCHOOL-**
8 **BUSES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-

1 portation shall issue a rule prescribing or amending a
2 motor vehicle safety standard under chapter 301 of title
3 49, United States Code, to require a schoolbus to be
4 equipped with a three-point safety belt at each designated
5 seating position.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The standard prescribed or
7 amendment made under subsection (a) shall apply with
8 respect to schoolbuses manufactured in, or imported into,
9 the United States on or after the date that is 1 year after
10 the date on which the Secretary of Transportation issues
11 the rule prescribing the standard or making the amend-
12 ment (as the case may be).

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) SCHOOLBUS.—The term “schoolbus” has
16 the meaning given such term in section 30125(a) of
17 title 49, United States Code.

18 (2) THREE-POINT SAFETY BELT.—The term
19 “three-point safety belt” means an occupant re-
20 straint system consisting of an integrated—

21 (A) lap belt or similar device intended to
22 restrain movement of the pelvis; and

1 (B) shoulder belt or similar device intended
2 to restrain movement of the chest and shoulder
3 regions.

