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# H. R. 2792

To require the Secretary of Transportation to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning seat belts on school buses, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. REED, and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Secure Every Child  
5 Under the Right Equipment Standards Act of 2019” or  
6 the “SECURES Act of 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROPOSED RULEMAKING.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after  
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-

1 portation shall publish a notice of proposed rulemaking  
2 on new Federal standards for school bus seat belt require-  
3 ments on all school buses, regardless of gross vehicle  
4 weight rating.

5 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In the proposed rulemaking,  
6 the Secretary shall consider—

7 (1) the safety benefits of a lap/shoulder belt  
8 system (also known as a “Type 2 seat belt assem-  
9 bly”);

10 (2) the conclusion of the National Transpor-  
11 tation Safety Board that “Lap/shoulder belts pro-  
12 vide the highest level of protection for school bus  
13 passengers” and that “Properly worn lap belts pro-  
14 vide some benefit,” while “Properly worn lap/shoul-  
15 der belts provide greater benefit by reducing injuries  
16 related to upper body flailing”;

17 (3) the 2015 announcement by the Adminis-  
18 trator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-  
19 ministration Mark Rosekind, stating that the agency  
20 believes “that every child on every school bus should  
21 have a three-point seat belt”;

22 (4) any innovative approaches to seat belt de-  
23 tection, seat belt reminder systems, and seat belt  
24 violation alert systems that could be incorporated  
25 into school bus designs; and

1           (5) existing experience from the States that  
2       have already required school buses to be equipped  
3       with seat belts.

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