

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-191
SENATE BILL 812**

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES
RELATING TO REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF
PASSENGER SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force shall study and analyze the feasibility of the use of safety restraints by passengers on school buses and school activity buses. In conducting the study, the Task Force shall consider:

- (1) A determination whether safety restraints are necessary to enhance the safety of passengers on school buses;
- (2) An evaluation of the cost of requiring passenger restraint systems on buses to be purchased, leased, or contracted for use on or after July 1, 2009;
- (3) An evaluation of the cost of installing passenger restraint systems on buses currently owned and operated by local boards of education; and
- (4) The manner by which the local boards of education may enforce the use of safety restraints by passengers on school buses and school activity buses.

The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommended legislation to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly on or before May 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 12:12 p.m. this 8th day of July, 2007