

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Vana offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Diana Kautz
6 Student Safety Sponsors Act."

7 Section 2. Section 1006.273, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 1006.273 Crash protection systems or other safety
10 equipment; sponsorship.--A district school board may adopt
11 policies providing for private sponsorship of the installation
12 of crash protection equipment or other safety equipment on
13 school buses pursuant to the provisions of this section.

14 (1) (a) Any person or business entity may sponsor the
15 installation of seat belt assemblies or other safety equipment
16 on a school bus by paying a sponsorship fee as prescribed by

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17 local school board policy. Proceeds from the collection of the
18 fee shall be distributed as follows:

19 1. Up to 5 percent may be used to pay the cost of an
20 advertising agent involved with the transaction.

21 2. Up to 45 percent shall be used to pay for the cost of
22 the seat belt assemblies or other safety equipment and the cost
23 of installation.

24 3. The remaining funds shall be remitted to the state for
25 deposit into the General Revenue Fund to be used for
26 transportation purposes.

27 (b) There may be up to four business entity sponsors per
28 school bus. Sponsorships or cosponsorships by individuals shall
29 be as provided by district school board policy.

30 (2) (a) Upon request by the sponsor, the district school
31 board shall place signage on the exterior rear, lower-quarter
32 panels of the school bus acknowledging the sponsor and, if the
33 sponsor is a business entity, bearing the logo of the business
34 entity. However, no sponsor shall be required to have his or her
35 name or the name of the business entity placed on the school
36 bus.

37 (b) The acknowledgment shall bear the wording "Safety
38 equipment sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsor.

39 (c) The design and size of the signage shall be as
40 prescribed by local school board policy.

41 (3) If sponsorship is applied to seat belt assembly, the
42 school bus must be equipped with a seat belt assembly that meets
43 the requirements for type 2 seat belt assemblies established
44 under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, 49 C.F.R.
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45 s. 571.209, or with any other pelvic and upper torso restraint
46 system approved by the Federal Government in a number sufficient
47 to allow each student who is being transported to use a separate
48 pelvic and upper torso restraint system.

49 (4) Sponsorship under this section shall not impose or
50 imply any duty or responsibility on the sponsor for installation
51 or use of any seat belt assembly or other safety equipment on
52 any school bus, and, in any action relating to the installation,
53 use, disuse, or misuse of any seat belt assembly or other safety
54 equipment on a school bus, no liability shall accrue to any
55 person or business entity because that person or entity is a
56 sponsor under this section.

57 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1006.25,
58 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

59 1006.25 School buses.--School buses shall be defined and
60 meet specifications as follows:

61 (3) STANDARDS FOR LEASED VEHICLES.--A motor vehicle owned
62 and operated by a county or municipal transit authority that is
63 leased by the district school board for transportation of public
64 school students must meet such standards as the State Board of
65 Education establishes by rule. A school bus authorized by a
66 district school board to carry passengers other than school
67 students must have the words "School Bus" and any other signs
68 and insignia that mark or designate it as a school bus and any
69 sign of sponsorship under s. 1006.273 covered, removed, or
70 otherwise concealed while such passengers are being transported.

71 (4) OCCUPANT PROTECTION SYSTEMS.--Students may be
72 transported only in designated seating positions, except as
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73 provided in s. 1006.22(12), and must use the occupant crash
74 protection system installed in the vehicle ~~provided by the~~
75 ~~manufacturer~~, which system must comply with the requirements of
76 49 C.F.R. part 571 or with specifications of the State Board of
77 Education.

78 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1006.261, Florida
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 1006.261 Use of school buses for public purposes.--

81 (3) When the buses are used for nonschool purposes other
82 than the transportation of the transportation disadvantaged, the
83 flashing red lights and white strobe lights shall not be used,
84 and the "School Bus" inscriptions on the front and rear of the
85 buses and any sign of sponsorship under s. 1006.273 shall be
86 covered or concealed.

87 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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91 Remove the entire title and insert:

92 A bill to be entitled

93 An act relating to school bus safety; creating the "Diana
94 Kautz Student Safety Sponsors Act"; creating s. 1006.273,
95 F.S.; providing for district school boards to adopt
96 policies for private sponsorship of described seat belt
97 assemblies or other safety equipment on school buses;
98 providing for a sponsorship fee; providing for use of
99 moneys collected; providing for signage on the exterior of
100 the school bus acknowledging sponsorship; providing for

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101 design and size of the signage by local school board
102 policy; limiting the liability of sponsors; amending s.
103 1006.25, F.S.; requiring sponsor signs to be covered when
104 school buses are transporting passengers who are not
105 school students; revising the requirement that students
106 use the crash protection system on a school bus; amending
107 s. 1006.261, F.S.; requiring sponsor signs to be covered
108 when school buses are used for nonschool purposes;
109 providing an effective date.