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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF MARYLAND STUDENTS

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WHEREAS: Maryland State Law requires all drivers and front seat passenger to be restrained by seat belts while traveling in passenger vehicles; and,

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WHEREAS: Maryland State Law requires any child under the age of 16 to be restrained by a seat belt no matter what seat position they are riding in; and,

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WHEREAS: The size of a school bus does not protect passengers in a roll over crash situation; and,

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WHEREAS: Many students do not sit in an appropriate manner which would protect them if a collision situation were to occur; and,

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WHEREAS: School bus accidents most often result in tragic, mass casualty incidents that can be easily prevented and impose unnecessary strain on rescue personnel and families.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation requiring seat belts to be installed in all school busses used for transporting students in the state of Maryland; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges that the legislation require all students traveling on a school bus in the state of Maryland to be restrained by a seat belt.

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