March 14, 2007

**S 812. SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES.** Filed 3/14/07. TO REQUIRE PASSENGER SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS BE INSTALLED AND USED ON NEW SCHOOL BUSES OPERATED BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

To be summarized in tomorrow's Daily Bulletin.

Intro. by Forrester.

**GS 115C** 

March 15, 2007

S 812. SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES. Filed 3/14/07. TO REQUIRE PASSENGER SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS BE INSTALLED AND USED ON NEW SCHOOL BUSES OPERATED BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Enacts new GS 115C-249A requiring equipping all public school buses and public school activity buses purchased, leased, or contracted for use in NC public schools on or after July 1, 2008, with passenger safety restraint systems, unless specifically prohibited by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Encourages local boards of education (LB) to evaluate the cost and safety benefits of installing passenger safety restraint systems on buses currently operated by the LB but does not require the LB to equip buses purchased prior to July 1, 2008, with passenger safety restraint systems. Defines passenger restraint systems based on compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Provides that no person, school board, school district, or organization incurs liability if a passenger on the public school bus or activity bus fails to use or improperly uses the passenger restraint system. Does not address private schools.

Intro. by Forrester.

**GS 115C** 

May 2, 2007

S 812. STUDY SAFETY RESTRAINTS ON SCHOOL BUSES (NEW). Filed 3/14/07. Senate committee substitute deletes all provisions of the first edition and replaces it with 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. Directs the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force to study the feasibility of using safety restraints on school buses and school activity buses. The task force is required to consider several issues, include the cost of installing passenger restraint systems on buses already owned and operated by local boards of education. Requires a report to the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly on or before May 1, 2008.

July 9, 2007

SL 2007-191 (S 812). STUDY SAFETY RESTRAINTS ON SCHOOL BUSES. 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. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 3/15/07 and 5/2/07. Enacted July 8, 2007. Effective July 8, 2007.