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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES
GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Marshall, Amore, Lima, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-23 of the General Laws entitled "Equipment and Accessories
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-23-42.3. Safety belts on school buses.**

4 (a) Every new school bus as defined in §31-1-3 purchased or leased for use in the state
5 shall be equipped with safety belts for the operator and each passenger seat.

6 (b) Any person who is an operator or a passenger in a school bus equipped with a safety
7 belt shall wear a safety belt while the vehicle is in operation on any of the roads, streets or
8 highways of this state.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all new school buses purchased or leased be equipped with seat
2 belts for each passenger and operator seat and would further require mandatory safety belt use by
3 the school bus operator and each passenger.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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