

RESOLUTION 44-07A

Title: Safety Belts in School Buses
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Referred to: Reference Committee D
House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, national data shows 17,000 children in the United States are sent to the emergency department due to school bus-related accidents each year according to information from an Associated Press article written by Lindsey Tanner, November 5, 2006, and

Whereas, results from a study in the November 2006 *Pediatrics* out of the Columbus Children's Hospital Center for Injury Research and Policy "provides a strong argument for requiring safety belts on school buses," and

Whereas, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends lap-shoulder belts on all new school buses, and

Whereas, five states (California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York) already have some type of safety belt requirements; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge the Michigan legislature to support the requirement of lap-shoulder belts in school buses in Michigan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE