

SB 546

Seatbelt Requirements



PURPOSE

Provide an overview of SB 546 and make a recommendation regarding seat belts.



REQUIREMENTS

Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) amends the Texas Transportation Code to require that all school buses be equipped with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts for every seating position, including the driver, by September 1, 2029



IMPLICATIONS FOR MISD

MISD has a fleet of 317 buses

- 280 with three-point seatbelts
- 15 with only a lap belt
- 22 without any seatbelts.



COST OPTIONS

Retrofit Cost Estimate: \$355,650

Replacement Cost Estimate: \$6,105,000



RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed resolution determining that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029, due to significant financial hardship as presented.

A front-facing view of a yellow school bus. The bus has a black roof with the words "SCHOOL BUS" in large, bold, black letters. Below the windshield, on the yellow grille, the word "QUESTIONS?" is written in the same bold, black font. The bus features multiple headlights, side mirrors, and emergency lights on the roof. The background shows a paved road, green trees, and a clear sky.

SCHOOL BUS

QUESTIONS?