

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES S&S CONSOLIDATED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SB 546 SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS –
FINANCIAL INABILITY DETERMINATION**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) requires that all school buses operated by or contracted for use by a school district be equipped with three-point seat belts for every passenger, including the operator, with full compliance required no later than September 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, S&S CISD currently operates a fleet that includes a significant number of buses that do not meet the newly mandated safety equipment requirements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace or retrofit the non-compliant buses creates a substantial financial burden on the District, and current budget conditions do not permit full compliance within the required timeframe; and

WHEREAS, SB 546 authorizes a school district to determine, through Board action, that the District's budget does not permit the purchase of compliant buses or retrofitting of non-compliant busses at this time, provided that required reporting to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is completed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the fleet inventory, cost projections, and multi-year capital replacement requirements and finds that full compliance by the statutory deadline is not financially feasible under current funding conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Trustees of S&S CISD hereby determines that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029.
2. The Board directs the Superintendent to submit the required SB 546 reporting to the Texas Education Agency, including the fleet inventory, cost estimates, and this Resolution.
3. The Board further directs the Superintendent to develop a phased, fiscally responsible replacement and/or retrofit plan and to provide updates to the Board as part of annual budget planning.

Adopted and approved this ___ day of _____, 20__ by the Board of Trustees of Anderson-S&S Consolidated Independent School District.

Board President

Superintendent

S&S Consolidated Independent School District
SB 546 Seat Belt Costs Reporting Information
Board Report – February, 2026

Initial Determination: S&S CISD does provide buses for students. Senate Bill 546 requires school districts to annually report information regarding the presence and cost of 3-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts on school buses. The following report summarizes S&S CISD’s current bus fleet compliance, ownership status, board determinations, and cost estimates for retrofitting buses to meet state requirements outlined in Texas Transportation Code §547.701.

Bus Compliance Status: Not all district buses used to transport students are fully equipped with the required 3-point seat belts under Texas Transportation Code §547.701.

Board Determination: It does not fit within S&S CISD budget to purchase six new buses equipped with 3-point seat belts. SB 546 requires districts to determine whether purchasing buses equipped with 3-point seat belts fits within the district’s budget capacity and planning.

Bus Ownership :S&S CISD currently owns and operates 20 School buses. six of the buses are non-compliant.

Bus Type & Seat belt status	Number of Buses	
	Type A	Type C
• fully equipped with driver and passenger 3 point seat belts	1	13
• fully equipped with passenger 2 point (lap) seat belts		
• no passenger seat belts		
• mix of 3point and 2 point seat belts		
• mix of 3 point and no passenger belts		6
• mix of lap belts and no passenger belts		
Total Owned and operated Buses		20

Cost Estimate: Retrofit of buses for passenger seat belt seating \$35,000.00 per bus.
Total retrofit for six buses \$210,000.00