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HOUSE BILL NO. 684

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to school vehicle safety; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 28.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 2
10 to read:

11 Sec. 28.05.100. SCHOOL VEHICLES. (a) Except as provided in (b)
12 of this section, a school bus or other vehicle for transporting
13 children that is purchased or leased by the state or a school district
14 after the effective date of this Act must

15 (1) be equipped with seatbelts or, if the vehicle is to be
16 used to transport children under four years of age, child safety
17 devices meeting the standards of the United States Department of
18 Transportation for child safety devices for infants; the number of
19 seatbelts or child safety devices in each vehicle must be equal to the
20 seating capacity of the vehicle;

21 (2) be equipped with seat backs that are at least 28 inches
22 high, if the vehicle is over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; and

23 (3) comply with the safety standards of the United States
24 Department of Transportation for school vehicles.

25 (b) The Department of Public Safety may exempt a school vehicle
26 from the provisions of (a) of this section to the extent necessary to
27 accomodate a passenger who is confined to a wheelchair or who requires
28 special equipment to ride in a school vehicle.

29 (c) The chief school administrator of each school district and

1 regional educational attendance area shall set standards for instruc-
2 tion in the use of seatbelts and child safety devices.

3 (d) The Department of Public Safety shall provide for periodic
4 inspections of school vehicles to ensure compliance with this section.

5 (e) The driver of a school vehicle is not personally liable for
6 injury to a passenger caused by failure of a passenger in a school
7 vehicle to use a seatbelt or child safety device.

8 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
9 10.070(c).