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115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To improve the safety of school buses, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRIST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To improve the safety of school buses, and for other  
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Best to Use Safety  
5 Belts Act of 2017” or the “BUS Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEAT BELT REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOLBUSES.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 30125 of title 49,  
8 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1       “(d) SEAT BELTS REQUIRED.—A person may not  
2 manufacture for sale, sell, offer for sale, introduce or de-  
3 liver for introduction in interstate commerce, or import  
4 into the United States a schoolbus that is not equipped  
5 with a seat belt that includes both lap and shoulder belts  
6 for each intended passenger. A violation of this subsection  
7 shall be treated as a violation of a motor vehicle safety  
8 standard prescribed under section 30111 of this sub-  
9 chapter.”.

10       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall take effect 90 days after the date of  
12 enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 3. SCHOOL BUS SAFETY UPGRADES GRANT PROGRAM.**

14       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-  
16 portation shall establish a program to provide school buses  
17 with seat belts and other safety features.

18       (b) GRANT AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBLE RECIPI-  
19 ENTS.—In carrying out the program established under  
20 subsection (a), the Secretary may make a grant, on a com-  
21 petitive basis, to a State educational agency and a local  
22 educational agency (as such terms are defined in section  
23 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
24 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).

1 (c) GRANT USES.—A recipient of a grant made under  
2 subsection (b) may use grant funds only to—

3 (1) retrofit a school bus with seat belts; or

4 (2) make another safety upgrade to a school  
5 bus that demonstrably decreases the risk of injury or  
6 death to students in the event of an impact or roll-  
7 over, including an upgrade designed to prevent a  
8 rollover.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program  
11 established under subsection (a) \$3,000,000,000.

12 (e) TERMINATION.—The program established under  
13 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 2 years  
14 after the date on which the program is established.