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Topic: Senate Bill 546 – 3-Point Seat Belts for all Buses

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Approved for Transmittal: 

Board Meeting Date: 4/16/2026

Recommendation:

The Board will receive an update on SB 546 school bus seat belt requirements, including the current fleet status, estimated retrofit costs, and a proposed phased compliance plan. The District may consider utilizing allowable financial infeasibility provisions while implementing a multi-year strategy to replace aging buses and retrofit those that will remain in service in order to meet the September 1, 2029, compliance deadline.

Rationale:

This item is provided to inform the Board of SB 546 requirements mandating that all school buses be equipped with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts by September 1, 2029.

Budget Information:

This item is provided to inform the Board of the costs associated with SB 546 to equip all school buses with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts by September 1, 2029.

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:

Texas Transportation Code § 547.701(f)

Senate Bill 546 – School Bus Passenger Safety Requirements