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Lanza Calls For A Senate Vote On Seat Belt Safety Legislation

Bill Passed Assembly 71-0 June 21st

Hunterdon County Freeholder John E. Lanza congratulated the State Assembly for putting school children first in passing legislation (A-4110) requiring three point lap and shoulder seat belts on school buses, at its June 21st session, and has written to the Senate President calling for the bill to be listed for a Senate vote next week.

Freeholder Lanza stated, "This is common sense legislation, as evidenced by the fact that it was passed by the Assembly yesterday by a vote of 71 – 0. I congratulate Speaker Craig Coughlin for bringing the legislation up for a vote and the Assembly for passing the bill. The fact that it is not presently on the list of bills to be considered by the Senate on June 25th is troubling."

Lanza, who sponsored a Freeholder resolution endorsing the legislation on June 5th, added, "The law would protect the thousands of New Jersey students who are transported on school buses on a daily basis and is the same protection that children have in their family car. It is of particular importance in Hunterdon County, where a preponderance of our school children travel daily by school bus.

Passage of this bill now, will put it in place in time for the new school year that begins in September."

Senate President Steve Sweeney, of Gloucester County, controls which bills will be voting on during a Senate session. The Legislature is expected to adjourn for the summer after June 28th.