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**Lanza Calls On Governor To Sign Seat Belt Safety Legislation**  
**Bill Passed Senate 38-0 June 25th**

Hunterdon County Freeholder John E. Lanza has written to Governor Phil Murphy asking that the Governor sign the three point lap and shoulder seat belts on school buses legislation (A-4110) approved by the Senate, on June 25th, by a 38-0 vote.

Freeholder Lanza said, "This legislation which protects children on school buses has languished for more than four years, but now has finally gained the momentum needed for enactment. It is just the Governor's signature away from becoming law."

In his letter to the Governor, Lanza reiterated that, "This is common sense safety legislation. It is the same protection that children have in their family car and it is of particular importance in Hunterdon County, where a preponderance of our school children travel daily by school bus.

Lanza sponsored a Freeholder resolution endorsing the legislation on June 5<sup>th</sup>. After the Assembly approved the bill on June 21<sup>st</sup>, he called on the Senate President to schedule the bill for a Senate vote, which occurred on June 25th.

"It is a shame that it took some recent school bus tragedies to move the Legislature to act on the bill. However, at least enactment now will put the law in place in time for the new school year that begins in September," Lanza concluded.