

Legislative Analysis



BOOSTER SEAT FOR CHILD UNDER 8 YEARS OLD

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House Bill 6024

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Jones

Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6024 AS INTRODUCED 5-2-06

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require that a child under eight years of age be seated in a booster seat and secured by a safety belt. The booster seat would have to be certified by the manufacturer as complying with federal law.

Currently, the law requires a child under four years of age be transported in a child restraint system that meets federal standards (an approved safety seat). House Bill 6024 would not affect this requirement. The law currently requires drivers transporting children from age 4 through 15 to secure them in a safety belt. Under the bill, this would be adjusted to apply to children from age 8 to 15 (since younger children would be in either a booster seat or child safety seat). The law also requires a driver and a front seat passenger to wear a safety belt.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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