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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies a provision on child safety restraints, and authorizes the Department of Public Safety to receive federal aid and expend it (through a statutory appropriation).

- 1** **Exceptions.** Eliminates an exception for certain lighter school buses from mandatory use of child restraints. The exception that applies to some type III vehicles (that are manufactured as buses) as well as some type A-I school buses is removed, so that child restraints are required for a type III vehicle or school bus having a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.
- 2** **Duties of commissioner.** Expands the powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety to include acceptance of federal funds for programs under the authority of the department.
- 3** **Federal aid; appropriation.** Creates a statutory appropriation to the Commissioner of Public Safety of all federal aid received by the Department of Public Safety for programs under the authority of the department and following federal law.