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The bill prevents fines from being imposed on the driver of a bus, other than a school bus, if passengers under age 15 do not use a seatbelt when required.

Under current law, the driver of a motor vehicle in which seatbelt use is mandated is subject to a fine when passengers who are under age 15 do not use a seatbelt. The fine is set at \$25 for each violation by the driver and by any offending passengers. Passengers who are age 15 and over are also subject to a \$25 fine (instead of the driver) for a seatbelt violation.