
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: D.SIMMONS
FROM: E. HOWARD
SUBJECT: NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD – MS LEGISLATIVE ACTION
DATE: 6/22/2000

Donna,

I have conducted a search of the last ten years of the Mississippi Legislature concerning school buses and safety.

Using the legislative bill status, I searched for all bills introduced and the final action.

Mississippi has introduced numerous bills concerning school bus safety but none have survived the legislative process.

- 1) Senator Furniss introduced a bill for SDE to issue regulations based upon the federal guidelines during the 1999 session. However, the bill died in committee.
- 2) Several bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives and the State Senate which would require safety belts in school buses. All of these bills also died before reaching the Governor.
- 3) The only bill dealing specifically with school bus safety passed in 1992. SB 2653 allowed the Department of Education to condemn unsafe school buses.

I have attached the reports for each legislative year for your review.

Erich