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Senate Bill 183 (as introduced 2-10-05)
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to add booster seat and safety belt requirements for children younger than eight or up to four feet, nine inches tall.

The Code requires a driver and front seat passenger to wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. The bill would add that a child younger than eight years old, or a child who was up to four feet, nine inches tall would have to be seated in a manufacturer-certified booster seat and secured by a safety belt. The bill specifies that a child younger than four would have to be protected as required under Section 710d.

Under Section 710d, a driver transporting a child under four years of age in a motor vehicle must properly secure that child in a child restraint system that meets the standards prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 571.213).

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could result in additional revenue to the State and local units of government. To the extent that there would be increased violations, the bill would result in additional fine revenue, courts costs, and Justice System Fund Assessments. Fine revenue from civil infractions under the Michigan Vehicle Code would be allocated to public libraries. Fines resulting from citations for violations of corresponding local ordinances are shared between the local unit of government and the court funding unit.

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