

HB 1528 -- CHILD SAFETY SEATS

SPONSOR: Buchheit-Courtway

This bill requires that children, until the age of two, must be secured in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system, except that a child under two years of age may face forward when the child reaches the highest rear-facing weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat. Children of at least 80 pounds, more than four feet nine inches in height, and at least eight years in age must wear a seat belt pursuant to Section 307.178, RSMo.

The bill repeals the exemption that children in an immediate family do not have to be restrained when there are fewer seatbelts than children. The bill makes all violations of this section an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

This bill is the same as HB 731 (2023).