

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER THE REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS UNDER SENATE BILL 546**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Texarkana Independent School District (the "District") is authorized by Texas Education Code § 11.151 to govern and oversee the management of the public schools in the District;

WHEREAS, Texas Transportation Code Sec. 547.701(e) (a/k/a Senate Bill 546 or "SB 546") was passed in the 89th Legislative Session for the purpose of requiring each bus operated by or contracted for use by a school district for the transportation of schoolchildren to be equipped with a three-point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator;

WHEREAS, the only exceptions under Texas Transportation Code Sec. 547.701 (e)(1) and (2) are if the Board determines the district's budget does not allow for purchasing buses with three-point seat belts, or if retrofitting a bus would void its manufacturer's warranty.

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") has set a deadline of May 29, 2026, for every Texas school district to access and complete the Bus Reporting Requirement in Sentinel and a copy of the board agenda and minutes of this meeting are to be uploaded with the Bus Reporting Requirement in Sentinel;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the expense required to have all school buses comply with Texas Transportation Code 547.701SB 546 by having the entire bus fleet with three-point seatbelts for all the passengers and the driver;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is not feasible for the district, under its current budget, to purchase additional buses with three-point seatbelts at this time;

WHEREAS, a report has been presented to the Board during this public meeting specifying the number of buses operated or contracted by the district that fall into the three below categories:

- a. Six (6) are not equipped with seat belts;
- b. Two (2) are equipped with two-point seat belts;
- c. Eighteen (18) are equipped with three-point seat belts; and

The estimated cost to the district to equip all buses with three-point seat belts is \$953,310.10.

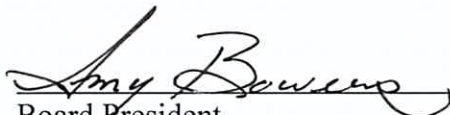
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

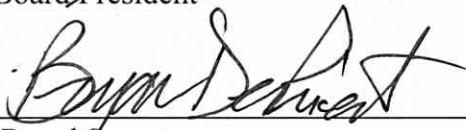
RESOLVED, the Board has reviewed and considered the report presented to it indicating the number of buses with no seatbelts, two-point seatbelts, or three-point seatbelts, and the monetary cost to have a complete district bus fleet with three-point seatbelts.

RESOLVED, the Board finds that the current TISD budget does not allow for purchasing additional buses with three-point seatbelts to comply with Texas Transportation Code Sec. 547.701(e) and falls under the Texas Transportation Code Sec. 547.701(e)(1) exception; and

RESOLVED, the Board directs the Superintendent or designee to report to TEA before May 27, 2026, the Bus Reporting Requirement in Sentinel as required under Texas Transportation Code 571.701 and report that the Board has considered and determined that it is not feasible for the district to, under its current budget, purchase additional buses with three-point seatbelts, and to also report the cost to have all district buses have a three-point seat belt along with a copy of this meeting's agenda and its respective minutes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2026 by the Board of Trustees for the Texarkana Independent School District.

By: 
Board President

Attest: 
Board Secretary