

# Summary of Requirements and Deadlines

## TEXAS SB 546 SEATBELT COMPLIANCE

# KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Effective September 1, 2025
- Three-point seat belts required for all school bus seats, including driver
- Applies to buses operated or contracted by school districts and charters



# EXEMPTIONS & REPORTING PROCESS

- Model year 2017 or earlier buses are exempt
- Financial exemption allowed for 2018+ buses with public board vote
- Districts must report to TEA by end of 2025–26 school year
- Report includes belt status and retrofit cost estimates

# TIMELINE FOR COMPLIANCE

Sept 1, 2025: Law effective

End of 2025–26: District reporting deadline

Jan 1, 2027: TEA statewide report due

Sept 1, 2029: Full compliance required



# IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

- TEA provides guidebook, FAQs, Sentinel reporting module
- Templates for public meetings and cost estimates
- Private groups offer fleet assessments and compliance assistance