

HB 386-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***386-FN***

AN ACT relative to child passenger restraints.

SPONSORS: Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 44

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill lowers the age which a child passenger must be restrained by a child restraint system from 7 to 4.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to child passenger restraints.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Child Passenger Restraints Required.. Amend RSA 265:107-a, I-b to read as follows:
- 2 I-b. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any way while carrying as a passenger a person
- 3 less than [7] 4 years of age unless such passenger is properly fastened and secured by a child
- 4 restraint system which is in accordance with the safety standards approved by the United States
- 5 Department of Transportation in 49 C.F.R. section 571.213. If the passenger is 57 inches or more in
- 6 height, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply.
- 7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

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**HB 386-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, beginning January 1, 2024, reduces the age for child safety restraints in a motor vehicle from 7 to 4, to which noncompliance is a violation level offense. There is no method to determine how many charges, if any, would be brought as a result of this bill to determine the fiscal impact on expenditures. The Judicial Branch has indicated the potential cost per case for violation/misdemeanor level offenses would be \$122 in FY 2024 (not including appeals).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch