

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1847
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Impact:	Contingent upon amt of violations

Research Analysis

HB 1847 requires every child under 12 years of age to use a child passenger restraint system. Children under the age of 2 are required to be in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system. Children 2 to 4 years of age are to be secured in a forward-facing child passenger restraint system. Children 4 to 8 years of age are to be secured in a child passenger restraint system or child booster seat. Children 8 to 12 years of age and less than 4'9" in height are to be secured in a child booster seat. The measure increases the fine for failing to properly secure a child in a passenger restraint system or child booster seat from \$50 to \$200. The measure increases limitation on court costs when a first offense case is suspended from \$15 to \$100.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1847 increases the fine for a person found guilty of improperly restraining a child passenger in a motor vehicle. The proposed increase goes from \$50.00 plus court costs, to \$200.00 plus court costs. This \$200.00 shall be apportioned to the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund.

In the case of a first offense the fine has been increased from \$15.00 to \$100.00.

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Other Considerations

In FY14 DPS brought in \$72,021.59 from fines. There were 3,093 convictions.