



2011 SENATE BILL 208

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- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 347.48 (4) (as) 2., 347.48 (4) (as) 3. and 347.48 (4) (as) 4. of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the use of child restraint systems in motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no child under the age of eight years may be transported in a motor vehicle unless the child is properly restrained in a child safety restraint system (car seat) or booster seat or by a safety belt (seat belt). The type of restraint system required depends on the age and size of the child, with more protective systems required for younger or smaller children and less protective systems required for older or larger children. A child who is:

1. Less than one year old or who weighs less than 20 pounds must be properly restrained in a rear-facing car seat in the back seat of the vehicle if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
2. At least one year old and weighs at least 20 pounds but is less than four years old or weighs less than 40 pounds must be properly restrained in a forward-facing car seat in the back seat of the vehicle if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
3. At least four years old but less than eight years old, weighs between 40 and 80 pounds, and is no more than four feet nine inches tall must be properly restrained in a booster seat.
4. Under the age of eight and exceeds the weight or height limits specified in item 3, above, must be properly restrained by a seat belt.

If a child, because of age, weight, or height, falls into more than one of these categories, the child must be transported according to the requirements of the more protective category.

