

child's body to fit correctly. The adult safety belt fits correctly when the child sits all the way back against the vehicle seat, the child's knees bend over the edge of the vehicle seat, the belt fits snugly across the child's thighs and lower hips, and not the child's abdomen, and when the shoulder strap snugly crosses the center of the child's chest and not the child's neck.

- (5) A child who is younger than 13 years of age shall be transported in the rear seat of a motor vehicle, when available, in a properly used child restraint system, belt-positioning child booster seat, or adult safety belt that complies with all applicable federal regulations.
- (6) A child who because of age or weight can be placed in more than one category shall be placed in the more protective category.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:295(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

Increases the age a child shall be properly restrained according to the vehicle and child safety seat manufacturers' instructions in an age and size appropriate passenger restraint system from under 13 years to under 18 years, as follows:

- (1) A child younger than two years of age shall be in a rear-facing child safety seat.
- (2) A child at least two years of age or older shall be in a front-facing child safety.
- (3) A child at least four of age shall be in a child booster seat.
- (4) A child at least nine years old shall be in an adult safety belt.
- (5) A child younger than 13 years of age shall be restrained in the back seat of the vehicle, when available.
- (6) A child who because of age or weight can be in more than one category shall be placed in the more protective category.