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VEHICLE CODE

MCL 257.710e **Booster seats now required** Effective July 1, 2008

Public Act 43 of 2008 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code ([MCL 257.710e](#)) to require that a child 4 to 7 years old and under 4 feet 9 inches tall, be seated in a child restraint system (commonly called a “booster seat”).

As with the previous version of the statute, there are a number of exceptions (e.g., children seated in school busses), and officers should review the statute for those exceptions. It is worth noting that the list includes exceptions for children in vehicles in which all available seatbelts are being used, but those exceptions only apply to a child who does not have to be in a booster seat (e.g., over 4’9” or 8 to 15 years old).

For more information about the new statute, visit the [Office of Highway Safety Planning website](#).

[Public Act 43 of 2008](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

MCL 750.520a – MCL 750.520e **List of prohibited actors expanded in criminal sexual conduct statutes** Effective July 1, 2008

Public Act 163 of 2007 amends the list of persons affiliated with schools who commit criminal sexual conduct when they engage in sexual activity with a student.

The former version of the statute only included teachers and administrators of “public or nonpublic” schools. The Act adds teachers and administrators of school districts and intermediate school districts.

Additionally, the list also applies to positions besides teachers and administrators when the person uses their position to “gain access to, or to establish a relationship with” the victim. Those include:

- School employees
- Contractors employed by schools
- Non-student volunteers
- Government employees assigned to schools

[Public Act 163 of 2007](#)

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