

While ARS 28-907 and ARS 28-909 exist, which both require the use of vehicle restraints for occupants while riding inside a vehicle, there is no specificity about riding in the cargo area of a pick-up truck. Currently if a law enforcement agent sees a child in the back of a pick-up truck, unrestrained, it is at his/her discretion as to whether or not to cite the driver. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Arizona PTA Legislative Committee to reaffirm this resolution for another 5 years.

Restricting Passengers in Cargo Areas of Light Trucks/Pick-Up Trucks

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WHEREAS: The current mandatory seat belt laws do not apply to passengers traveling in the cargo area of light trucks/pick-up trucks; and

WHEREAS: Statistics show a continuing and in fact increase of life-threatening permanent physical and mental handicaps and fatalities to children and youth as a result of ejection from a light truck/pick-up truck cargo area as the result of a collision, sudden stop, swerving, slow moving and non-moving incidents; and

WHEREAS: Travel in the back of light trucks/pick-up trucks has not been adequately addressed as an occupant protection issue; and

WHEREAS: One of the missions of Arizona PTA is to protect the health and welfare of our children through education and enactment of laws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations shall work with other concerned organizations, public and private, at national, state, and local levels to implement educational programs addressing the danger of people, especially children and youth, riding in the cargo area of light trucks/pick-up trucks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Arizona PTA and its constituent associations shall encourage and support federal, state, and local governments to enact laws and ordinances forbidding the use of cargo areas of light trucks/pick-up trucks as a passenger area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Arizona PTA shall, upon passage of this resolution, forward it to the National PTA Resolutions Committee for consideration at the 1992 National PTA Convention.