

House Transportation Appropriations Committee Report on heatstroke

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DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES AP-
PROPRIATIONS BILL, 2019

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R.]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in
explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the

its development of safety-centered approaches for future light-
weight automotive design.

Child hyperthermia prevention.—In prior years, the Committee has recognized the severe child safety crisis involving children dying of hyperthermia after being left alone in motor vehicles. The Committee has favorably cited the awareness programs conducted by NHTSA. In the 20 years since records have been maintained, more than 700 children, mostly three years old or younger, have died in this tragic way, including 42 in 2017. The Committee therefore directs NHTSA to continue and expand its public education and outreach efforts on child hyperthermia prevention through a public call to action encouraging public messaging and the involvement of a broad coalition of organizations, government agencies, medical professionals, and others who regularly interact with parents and the public. The campaign should focus on parents and caregivers who transport children and encourage bystanders to take action when they see children alone in cars. We urge that the campaign commence earlier in the year compared to prior campaigns. In addition to public awareness, the Committee urges NHTSA to continue to pursue technological solutions in coordination with industry that can serve as a reminder to parents to remove children from the rear seat prior to leaving their vehicle.

Driver alcohol detection system for safety (DADSS).—For several years, NHTSA has partnered with leading auto manufacturers on

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Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

benefits of technology enhancements to increase seat belt use and efforts by the agency and vehicle manufacturers to increase belt use through technology.

Child Hyperthermia Prevention.—The Committee continues to recognize the child safety crisis involving children left alone in motor vehicles who succumb to hyperthermia, and has favorably cited the awareness programs conducted by NHTSA. The Committee directs NHTSA to continue and expand its public education and outreach efforts on child hot car death prevention through a public call to action encouraging public messaging and involvement from a broad group of organizations, government agencies, medical professionals and others who regularly interact with parents and the public. The Committee also directs NHTSA to provide updates on previously mandated studies and outreach efforts, including findings on effectiveness and statistics and trends on injuries and deaths associated with hyperthermia.

Recall Component Parts.—Section 24116 of the FAST Act requires auto manufacturers to provide component names, descrip-