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**Child Passenger Protection Act - Extended Age**  
**(Public Act 93-0100; Effective 1/1/2004)**

Children under the age of eight (8) must be in a U.S. Department of Transportation approved "child restraint system", which includes booster seats. The old law was under the age of six (6). All passengers under the age of 16 must be protected by a seat belt or some other approved restraint system. Parents and legal guardians must also provide a child restraint system to any person who transports his or her child. However, if the parent or legal guardian does not provide one, the driver will not be in violation the law. This law has an effect on many parents who rely on carpooling to transport children to/from school and other activities.

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