Page 1508, after line 13, add the following new section (and update the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 10109. CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

(a) Child Restraint System Labeling.—

(1) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall revise section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations—

(A) in S5.5.2(f) by striking “13.6 kg” and inserting “18.2 kg”; and

(B) by adding at the end of S5.5.2 the following:

“(o) The packaging for each booster seat shall be permanently labeled with the information specified in S5.5.2(g).

“(p) On each booster seat, and on the packaging of such booster seat, there shall be placed—

“(1) a permanent label stating: ‘For use by children [__] years old or older and who are over [__] pounds.’, with respect to which—
“(A) the first bracket is replaced with the minimum age recommended for a user, which may not be an age younger than 4 years old; and

“(B) the second bracket is replaced with the minimum weight recommended for a user, which may not be under 40 pounds; and

“(2) a permanent label stating: ‘Strongly recommended children use this seat only when they reach either the height or weight limit for a child restraint system with internal harness as indicated by the manufacturer.’.

“(q) On each child restraint system with internal harness, and on the packaging of such child restraint system with internal harness, there shall be placed a permanent label stating: ‘To prevent possible injury or death, it is important to delay the transition from a child restraint system with internal harness to a booster seat as long as possible, until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the child restraint system with internal harness as indicated by the manufacturer.’.

“(r) On each combination car seat, there shall be placed a permanent label stating: ‘Please use this seat with the internal harness as long as possible, until your child outgrows the maximum weight of [___] or reaches the
maximum height of [__]. Once they have exceeded such
weight or height, this seat can be used as a belt posi-
tioning booster seat with the vehicle seat belt.’, with re-
spect to which—

“(1) the first bracket is replaced with the max-
imum weight recommended for an internal harness
user, which may not be under 40 pounds; and

“(2) the second bracket is replaced with the
maximum height recommended for an internal har-
ness user.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The modifications to
section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regula-
tions, under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later
than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
this Act.

(b) SIDE-ImpACT CrASH TESTING.—

(1) GENERAL STANDARDS.—Not later than 1
year after the date of the enactment of this section,
the Administrator shall issue regulations to establish
standards with respect to side-impact crash testing
for child restraint systems, which—

(A) shall include standards for booster
seats; and
(B) may include the use of the most appropriate test dummy available at the time of such side-impact crash testing.

(2) Near-side and far-side impact testing.—In issuing regulations under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall include procedures for testing—

(A) near-side impacts, in which the child restraint system being tested is positioned on the side of the point of impact; and

(B) far-side impacts, in which the child restraint system being tested is positioned on the opposite side of the point of impact.

(3) Booster seat test devices.—

(A) Design.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator shall issue regulations that provide guidelines for a test dummy that approximates a 6-year-old child for the purposes of side-impact crash testing.

(B) Use.—Not later than 18 months after the date on which the Administrator issues regulations under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall require that side-impact crash testing for booster seats (for both near-side and
far-side impacts) includes the use of a test
dummy that meets the guidelines provided
under subparagraph (A).

(c) Tether Systems Study.—Not later than 1 year
after the date of the enactment of this section, the Admin-
istrator shall provide to Congress a study of the
functionality of tether systems and the variability that ex-
ists in tether use recommendations by car seat and vehicle
manufacturers, with recommendations on how such tether
systems may be used or modified to increase the usage
of child restraint systems with internal harness to maxi-
mize child safety.

(d) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Administrator.—The term “Adminis-
trator” means the Administrator of the National
Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

(2) Booster seat.—The term “booster seat”
has the meaning given such term in section 571.213
of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
on the date of the enactment of this section).

(3) Child restraint system.—The term
“child restraint system” has the meaning given such
term in section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal
Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enact-
ment of this section).
(4) **Child restraint system with internal harness.**—The term “child restraint system with internal harness” means a child restraint system designed to be used rear-facing or forward-facing employing a 5-point harness to position the child in the seat.

(5) **Combination car seat.**—The term “combination car seat”—

(A) means any child restraint system designed to be used in a forward-facing position with a 5-point internal harness, where the harness may be removed and the seat utilized as a belt-positioning booster seat; and

(B) includes a child restraint system that may be—

(i) converted between rear-facing with an internal harness and forward-facing with an internal harness; and

(ii) commonly referred to as “3-in-1” or “all-in-1” seats.

(6) **Test dummy.**—The term “test dummy” means an anthropomorphic test dummy as such term is used in section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this section).
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(7) TETHER SYSTEM.—The term “tether system” means a system utilizing a tether anchorage, tether strap, and tether hook (as such terms are defined in section 571.225 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations).