

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to driving safety; creating s.
 3 316.306, F.S.; prohibiting the use of cellular
 4 telephones and other electronic communications devices
 5 by drivers in a school zone or school crossing or on
 6 school district property; providing penalties;
 7 providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 316.306 Use of cellular telephone or electronic
 14 communications device in school zone; prohibition.-

15 (1) A person may not operate a motor vehicle in a legally
 16 posted school zone or designated school crossing or on school
 17 district property while using any type of cellular telephone or
 18 electronic communications device or while sending or reading
 19 data on such a device for the purpose of communication,
 20 including, but not limited to, texting, e-mailing, and instant
 21 messaging. As used in this section, the term "electronic
 22 communications device" means a device that is designed or
 23 intended to receive or transmit voice, text, or character-based
 24 messages; access or store data; or connect to the Internet or a
 25 communications service as defined in s. 812.15.

26 (2) A person who violates this section commits a

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27 | noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
28 | as provided in chapter 318.

29 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.