

By Senator Posey

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to child restraint  
requirements; amending s. 316.613, F.S.;  
revising requirements with respect to the use  
of child restraint devices; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
316.613, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.613 Child restraint requirements.--

(1)(a) Every operator of a motor vehicle as defined  
herein, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated  
on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state, shall, if  
the child is 8 5 years of age or younger, weighs less than 80  
pounds, and is less than 4 feet 9 inches in height, provide  
for protection of the child by properly using a crash-tested,  
federally approved child restraint device. For children aged  
through 3 years and for children aged 4 through 8 years who  
weigh 40 pounds or less, such restraint device must be a  
separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child  
seat. For children aged 4 through 8 5 years who weigh more  
than 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds and who are less than 4  
feet 9 inches in height, a separate carrier, an integrated  
child seat, or a child booster seat must ~~seat belt~~ may be  
used.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that a child 8 years of age or younger and less than 80 pounds and 4 feet 9 inches in height must be in an approved child restraint device in a motor vehicle operated on roadways, streets, or highways in the state. See bill for details.