

By Representative Allen

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

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
11   316.613, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           316.613 Child restraint requirements.--

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

28           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.