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See HB 1423

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school safety; creating s.  
810.0975, F.S.; defining the term "school  
safety zone"; prohibiting certain persons from  
entering or loitering within a school safety  
zone; providing a penalty; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 810.0975, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

810.0975 School safety zones; definition; trespass  
prohibited; penalty.--

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "school  
safety zone" means in, on, or within 500 feet of any real  
property owned by or leased to any public or private  
elementary school or school board and used for elementary  
education.

(2)(a) Each principal or designee of each public or  
private school in this state shall notify the appropriate law  
enforcement agency to prohibit any person from loitering in  
the school safety zone who does not have legitimate business  
in the school safety zone or any other authorization, license,  
or invitation to enter or remain in the school safety zone.

(b) During the period from 1 hour prior to the start  
of a school session until 1 hour after the conclusion of a  
school session, it is unlawful for any person to enter the  
premises or trespass within a school safety zone or to remain  
on such premises or within such school safety zone when that  
person does not have legitimate business in the school safety

1 zone or any other authorization, license, or invitation to  
2 enter or remain in the school safety zone. Any person who  
3 violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second  
4 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

5 (c) Any person who does not have legitimate business  
6 in the school safety zone or any other authorization, license,  
7 or invitation to enter or remain in the school safety zone who  
8 shall willfully fail to remove himself or herself from the  
9 school safety zone after the principal or designee requests  
10 him or her to do so commits a misdemeanor of the second  
11 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

16 Prohibits certain persons from entering or loitering  
17 within a school safety zone as defined in the act.  
18 Provides a second degree misdemeanor penalty for  
19 violations. See bill for details.  
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