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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to bus transportation; amending s. 316.70,
3 F.S.; requiring the driving records of nonpublic sector
4 bus drivers to be checked for suspended or revoked
5 licenses; providing that private school students may ride
6 on public school buses and public school students may ride
7 on private school buses, subject to specified conditions;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
13 section 316.70, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 316.70 Nonpublic sector buses; safety rules.--

15 (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish and
16 revise standards to assure the safe operation of nonpublic
17 sector buses, as defined in s. 316.003(78), which standards
18 shall be those contained in 49 C.F.R. parts 382, 385, and 390-
19 397 and which shall be directed towards assuring that:

20 (d) The driving records of drivers of nonpublic sector
21 buses are checked by their employers at least once each year to
22 ascertain whether the driver has a suspended or revoked driver's
23 license.

24 Section 2. Private school students may be transported on
25 public school buses and public school students may be
26 transported on private school buses when there is mutual
27 agreement between the local school board and the applicable
28 private school. Any agreement for private school students to be
29 transported on public school buses must be in accordance with
30 sections 768.28(9)(a) and 316.6145, Florida Statutes. Any



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31 agreement for public school students to be transported on
32 private school buses must be contingent on the private school
33 bus driver's having adequate liability insurance through his or
34 her employer.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.