

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Atwater

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to school speed zones; amending  
s. 316.1895, F.S.; providing for the use of  
described flashing beacons to designate school  
zone speed restrictions; revising requirements  
for the Department of Transportation to  
establish certain standards; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (6) and (8) of section  
316.1895, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.1895 Establishment of school speed zones,  
enforcement; designation.--

(6) Permanent signs designating school zones and  
school zone speed limits shall be uniform in size and color,  
and shall have the times during which the restrictive speed  
limit is enforced clearly designated thereon. Flashing beacons  
activated by a time clock, or other automatic device, or  
manually activated may be used as an alternative to posting  
the times during which the restrictive school speed limit is  
enforced.The Department of Transportation shall establish  
adequate standards for the signs and flashing beacons.

(8) Nothing herein shall prohibit the use of automatic  
traffic control devices for the control of vehicular and  
pedestrian traffic at school crossings ~~in lieu of permanent or~~  
~~portable school zone signs.~~ ~~The Department of Transportation~~  
~~shall establish standards for automatic flashing signals.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 1896

The committee substitute allows manually activated flashing  
beacons to be used an alternative to posting the times during  
which the restrictive school speed limit is enforced.