

By Senator Miller

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

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

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

16 316.70 Nonpublic sector buses; safety rules.--

17 (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish
18 and revise standards to assure the safe operation of nonpublic
19 sector buses, as defined in s. 316.003(78), which standards
20 shall be those contained in 49 C.F.R. parts 382, 385, and
21 390-397 and which shall be directed towards assuring that:

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

26 Section 2. Private school students may be transported
27 on public school buses and public school students may be
28 transported on private school buses when there is mutual
29 agreement between the local school board and the applicable
30 private school. Any agreement for private school students to
31 be transported on public school buses must be in accordance

1 with sections 768.28(9)(a) and 316.6145, Florida Statutes. Any
2 agreement for public school students to be transported on
3 private school buses must be contingent on the private school
4 bus driver's having adequate liability insurance through his
5 or her employer.

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

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Provides for the standards of the Department of
11 Transportation to require that the driving records of
12 nonpublic sector bus drivers be checked by the employer
13 at least once each year for suspended or revoked
14 licenses. Provides requirements under which private
15 school students may ride on public school buses and
16 public school students may ride on private school buses.
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