

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senator Hill

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child safety; requiring  
3           school boards to promulgate policies regarding  
4           release of children; providing a definition;  
5           requiring copies of the policies to be provided  
6           to the Department of Education; requiring  
7           nonpublic schools, private schools, and certain  
8           child care facilities to promulgate policies  
9           regarding release of children; requiring making  
10          such policies available on the premises of the  
11          schools or child care facilities; providing a  
12          definition; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. No later than July 1, 2006, the school  
17 board of each public school district must promulgate policies  
18 that will ensure that the students in that school district are  
19 not released from the schools to persons who are not  
20 authorized to retrieve them. These policies must include a  
21 requirement that a person attempting to retrieve the student  
22 present a picture identification to the school principal or  
23 his or her designee before the student is released to the  
24 person. As used in this section, the term "picture  
25 identification" means a valid state driver's license, a valid  
26 state identification card, or a valid United States military  
27 identification card. Copies of the policies must be provided  
28 to the Department of Education.

29           Section 2. No later than July 1, 2006, each nonpublic  
30 school exempt from licensure under section 402.3025, Florida  
31 Statutes, child care facility licensed under section 402.305,

1 Florida Statutes, family day care home licensed or registered  
2 under section 402.3131, Florida Statutes, private school as  
3 defined in section 1002.01, Florida Statutes, and faith-based  
4 child care provider exempt from licensure under section  
5 402.316, Florida Statutes must promulgate policies that will  
6 ensure that the children in that nonpublic school, child care  
7 facility, day care home, private school, or faith-based child  
8 care provider are not released to persons who are not  
9 authorized to retrieve them. These policies must include a  
10 requirement that the person attempting to retrieve the child  
11 must present a picture identification to the appropriate  
12 school or child care official or his or her designee before  
13 the child is released to the person. As used in this section,  
14 the term "picture identification" means a valid state drivers  
15 license, a valid state identification card, or a valid United  
16 States military identification card. Copies of these policies  
17 must be maintained on the premises of each entity covered by  
18 this section and be readily available for inspection.

19           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
senate bill 246

Places the responsibility for developing policies to ensure that children are not released from public schools to persons not authorized to receive them on local school boards.

Requires that the policies be developed by school boards no later than July 1, 2006, and that copies of the policies be provided to the Department of Education.

Requires non-public schools and child care providers to develop policies to ensure that children are not released to persons not authorized to receive them and to make these policies readily available for public inspection.

Retains the requirement that theses policies include presentation of picture identification of individuals seeking to retrieve children. Retains definition of picture identification. /