

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school bus stops; amending s.
3 1006.22, F.S.; prohibiting school bus stops from being
4 located directly on certain state-maintained roads;
5 providing for phased-in implementation; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section
11 1006.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1006.22 Safety and health of students being transported.—
13 Maximum regard for safety and adequate protection of health are
14 primary requirements that must be observed by district school
15 boards in routing buses, appointing drivers, and providing and
16 operating equipment, in accordance with all requirements of law
17 and rules of the State Board of Education in providing
18 transportation pursuant to s. 1006.21:

19 (12)

20 (c)1. Each district school board shall establish school bus
21 stops, or provide by district school board rule for the
22 establishment of school bus stops, as necessary at the most
23 reasonably safe locations available. Where unusual traffic
24 hazards exist at school bus stops on roads maintained by the
25 state outside of municipalities, the Department of
26 Transportation, in concurrence and cooperation with and upon
27 request of the district school board, shall place signs at such
28 bus stops warning motorists of the location of the stops.

29 2. To provide safe locations for school bus stops for the

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30 loading and unloading of students, beginning July 1, 2009, a new
31 school bus stop may not be established directly on a state-
32 maintained road with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or
33 greater.

34 3. To improve the safety of existing locations for school
35 bus stops for the loading and unloading of students, beginning
36 with the 2011-2012 school year, a school bus stop may not be
37 located directly on a state-maintained road with a speed limit
38 of 55 miles per hour or greater.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.