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

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section  
 10   1006.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           1006.22   Safety and health of students being  
 12   transported.--Maximum regard for safety and adequate protection  
 13   of health are primary requirements that must be observed by  
 14   district school boards in routing buses, appointing drivers, and  
 15   providing and operating equipment, in accordance with all  
 16   requirements of law and rules of the State Board of Education in  
 17   providing transportation pursuant to s. 1006.21:

18           (12)

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

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28        2. To provide safe locations for school bus stops for the  
29 loading and unloading of students, beginning July 1, 2009, a new  
30 school bus stop may not be established directly on a state-  
31 maintained road with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or  
32 greater.

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

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