

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public school transportation; amending  
 3           s. 1006.22, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to  
 4           designate and use certain elementary schools as  
 5           transportation hubs; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising  
 6           provisions relating to hazardous walking conditions to  
 7           conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.25,  
 8           F.S.; providing for district school board policies that  
 9           authorize private advertisements on school buses;  
 10          providing for payment of an advertisement fee and use of  
 11          the fee by the district school board; requiring State  
 12          Board of Education rules relating to display of  
 13          advertisements; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; revising  
 14          requirements for funding the transportation of students;  
 15          providing an effective date.

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

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 19           Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (12) of  
 20           section 1006.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

21           1006.22   Safety and health of students being transported.—  
 22           Maximum regard for safety and adequate protection of health are  
 23           primary requirements that must be observed by district school  
 24           boards in routing buses, appointing drivers, and providing and  
 25           operating equipment, in accordance with all requirements of law  
 26           and rules of the State Board of Education in providing  
 27           transportation pursuant to s. 1006.21:

28           (12)

29           (d) Each district school board, after considering  
 30 recommendations from the district school superintendent, may  
 31 designate, by map or otherwise, or may provide by district  
 32 school board rule for the designation of, transportation hubs  
 33 composed of elementary schools located in the school district  
 34 that shall be used as established bus stops from which middle  
 35 school and high school students shall be transported to their  
 36 designated school locations. A transportation hub shall be  
 37 designated as an official bus stop on a specific route to be  
 38 traveled regularly by a school bus pursuant to paragraph (b).

39           Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1006.23, Florida  
 40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41           1006.23 Hazardous walking conditions.—

42           (3) IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.—When a request  
 43 for review is made to the district school superintendent or the  
 44 district school superintendent's designee concerning a condition  
 45 perceived to be hazardous to students in that district who walk  
 46 to school, are in kindergarten through grade 5, and live within  
 47 the 2-mile limit ~~or and~~ who walk to school, are in grades 6  
 48 through 12, and live within the 3-mile limit, such condition  
 49 shall be inspected by a representative of the school district  
 50 and a representative of the state or local governmental entity  
 51 that has jurisdiction over the perceived hazardous location. The  
 52 district school superintendent or his or her designee and the  
 53 state or local governmental entity or its representative shall  
 54 then make a final determination that is mutually agreed upon  
 55 regarding whether the hazardous condition meets the state  
 56 criteria pursuant to this section. The district school

57 superintendent or his or her designee shall report this final  
 58 determination to the department.

59 Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 1006.25,  
 60 Florida Statutes, to read:

61 1006.25 School buses.—School buses shall be defined and  
 62 meet specifications as follows:

63 (5) ADVERTISEMENTS.—

64 (a) Private advertisements may be placed on the exterior  
 65 of a school bus according to district school board policies that  
 66 require the following:

67 1. Any individual or business entity may advertise on a  
 68 school bus by paying a fee to be set by the district school  
 69 board. Up to 5 percent of the fee collected may be used to pay  
 70 advertising agency costs. The remainder of the fee shall be used  
 71 by the district school board for school transportation purposes.

72 2. Only one individual or business entity may place  
 73 advertisements on a school bus.

74 (b) The design, placement, and size of signage on the  
 75 exterior of a school bus acknowledging the advertiser shall be  
 76 prescribed by rule of the State Board of Education.

77 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 78 1011.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

79 1011.68 Funds for student transportation.—The annual  
 80 allocation to each district for transportation to public school  
 81 programs, including charter schools as provided in s.  
 82 1002.33(17)(b), of students in membership in kindergarten  
 83 through grade 12 and in migrant and exceptional student programs  
 84 below kindergarten shall be determined as follows:

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85 (1) Subject to the rules of the State Board of Education,  
86 each district shall determine the membership of students who are  
87 transported:

88 (a)1. By reason of living 2 miles or more from an  
89 elementary school that enrolls any combination of students in  
90 kindergarten through grade 5.

91 2. By reason of living 3 miles or more from a middle  
92 school or a high school that enrolls any combination of students  
93 in grades 6 through 12.

94 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.