

By Senator Sachs

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child care facilities; providing a  
3           short title; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; requiring  
4           vehicles used by child care facilities and large  
5           family child care homes to be equipped with an alarm  
6           system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle  
7           for children before exiting the vehicle; requiring the  
8           Department of Children and Family Services to adopt  
9           rules and maintain a list of approved alarm systems;  
10          providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Haile Brockington  
15 Act."

16           Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 402.305, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18           402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

19           (10) TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.—

20           (a) Minimum standards shall include requirements for child  
21 restraints or seat belts in vehicles used by child care  
22 facilities and large family child care homes to transport  
23 children, requirements for annual inspections of the vehicles,  
24 limitations on the number of children in the vehicles, and  
25 accountability for children being transported.

26           (b)1. On or after January 1, 2012, such vehicles must be  
27 equipped with an alarm system approved by the department which  
28 prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before  
29 exiting such vehicle.

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30           2. The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
31 paragraph and shall maintain a list of alarm manufacturers and  
32 alarm systems that are approved to be installed in such  
33 vehicles.

34           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.