

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
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 before 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.