

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle insurance and driver education for children in foster care; creating s. 743.047, F.S.; removing the disability of nonage of minors for purposes of obtaining motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; providing for preferential enrollment in driver education courses for children in foster care; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 743.047, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

743.047 Removal of disabilities of minors; executing agreements for motor vehicle insurance.—For purposes of ensuring that a child in foster care is able to secure motor vehicle insurance, the disability of nonage of minors shall be removed for a child that has reached 16 years of age, has been adjudicated dependent, is residing in an out-of-home placement as defined in s. 39.01, and has completed a driver education course. A court of competent jurisdiction may issue an order removing the disability and authorizing a child to make and execute all contracts or agreements necessary for obtaining motor vehicle insurance as if the child were otherwise competent to make and execute contracts. Execution of any contract or

27 agreement for motor vehicle insurance shall have the same effect
 28 as if it were the act of a person who is not a minor. A child
 29 seeking to enter into contracts or agreements or execute other
 30 necessary instruments incidental to obtaining motor vehicle
 31 insurance must present to the other contracting party an order
 32 from a court of competent jurisdiction removing the disability
 33 of nonage of the child under this section.

34 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1003.48, Florida
 35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles.—

37 (1) A course of study and instruction in the safe and
 38 lawful operation of a motor vehicle shall be made available by
 39 each district school board to students in the secondary schools
 40 in the state. The district school board shall provide
 41 preferential enrollment to a student in the custody of the
 42 Department of Children and Families as long as that student
 43 maintains appropriate progress as required by the educational
 44 institution. As used in this section, the term "motor vehicle"
 45 has ~~shall have~~ the same meaning as provided in s. 320.01(1)(a)
 46 and includes ~~shall include~~ motorcycles and mopeds. Instruction
 47 in motorcycle or moped operation may be limited to classroom
 48 instruction. The course shall not be made a part of, or a
 49 substitute for, any of the minimum requirements for graduation.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.