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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to driving safety; creating s.
3 316.306, F.S.; prohibiting the use of cellular
4 telephones and other electronic communications devices
5 by drivers in a school zone or school crossing or on
6 school district property; providing penalties;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 316.306 Use of cellular telephone or electronic
14 communications device in school zone; prohibition.-

15 (1) A person may not operate a motor vehicle in a legally
16 posted school zone or designated school crossing or on school
17 district property while using any type of cellular telephone or
18 electronic communications device or while sending or reading
19 data on such a device for the purpose of communication,
20 including, but not limited to, texting, e-mailing, and instant
21 messaging. As used in this section, the term "electronic
22 communications device" means a device that is designed or
23 intended to receive or transmit voice, text, or character-based
24 messages; access or store data; or connect to the Internet or a
25 communications service as defined in s. 812.15.

26 (2) A person who violates this section commits a
27 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
28 as provided in chapter 318.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.