

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Soto and Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to traffic safety on state roads;
3 creating s. 335.085, F.S.; providing a short title;
4 requiring the Department of Transportation to install
5 roadside barriers to shield water bodies contiguous
6 with state roads at certain locations by a specified
7 date under certain circumstances; providing
8 applicability; requiring the department to conduct a
9 study related to certain motor vehicle accidents on
10 state roads contiguous with water bodies which
11 occurred during a specified timeframe, subject to
12 certain requirements; requiring the department to
13 submit a report to the Legislature by a specified
14 date, subject to certain requirements; providing an
15 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. Section 335.085, Florida Statutes, is created to
20 read:

21 335.085 Installation of roadside barriers along certain
22 water bodies contiguous with state roads.-

23 (1) This section shall be cited as "Chloe's Law."

24 (2) By June 30, 2018, the department shall install roadside
25 barriers to shield water bodies contiguous with state roads at
26 locations where a death due to drowning resulted from a motor
27 vehicle accident in which a vehicle departed the adjacent state
28 road during the period between July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2016.
29 This requirement does not apply to any location at which the
30 department's chief engineer determines, based on engineering
31 principles, that installation of a barrier would increase the
32 risk of injury to motorists traveling on the adjacent state

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33 road.

34 Section 2. The Department of Transportation shall review
35 all motor vehicle accidents that resulted in death due to
36 drowning in a water body contiguous with a state road and that
37 occurred during the period between July 1, 2006, and July 1,
38 2016. The department shall use the reconciled crash data
39 received from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
40 Vehicles and shall submit a report to the President of the
41 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
42 January 3, 2017, providing recommendations regarding any
43 necessary changes to state laws and department rules to enhance
44 traffic safety.

45 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.