

By Senator Stewart

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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 a reliable
6 alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the
7 vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle;
8 requiring the Department of Children and Families to
9 adopt by rule minimum safety standards and maintain a
10 list of approved alarm systems; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Child Safety Alarm
16 Act."

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

19 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

20 (10) TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.—

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

27 (b)1. On or after January 1, 2019, such vehicles must be
28 equipped with a reliable alarm system approved by the department
29 which prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children

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30 before exiting the vehicle.

31 2. The department shall adopt by rule minimum safety
32 standards for reliable alarm systems and maintain a list of
33 alarm manufacturers and alarm systems which meet those standards
34 and are approved to be installed in such vehicles.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.