

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to traffic and pedestrian safety;
 3 providing a short title; creating s. 316.0756, F.S.;
 4 specifying pedestrian crosswalks that may be
 5 controlled by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon
 6 traffic control devices; requiring removal of such
 7 devices from, and authorizing retrofitting of, certain
 8 crosswalks; requiring the Department of Transportation
 9 to request that the Federal Government allow
 10 replacement of yellow rectangular rapid flashing
 11 beacon traffic control devices with red rectangular
 12 rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices;
 13 providing requirements for such replacement if such
 14 request is granted; providing requirements for
 15 installation of and signage for a pedestrian crosswalk
 16 on a public highway, street, or road which is located
 17 at any point other than at an intersection with
 18 another public highway, street, or road; providing a
 19 declaration of important state interest; providing an
 20 effective date.

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

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 24 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Sophia Nelson
 25 Pedestrian Safety Act."

26 Section 2. Section 316.0756, Florida Statutes, is created
 27 to read:

28 316.0756 Traffic control devices at crosswalks.-

29 (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, only a
 30 pedestrian crosswalk that is located on a public highway,
 31 street, or road that has no more than two lanes and for which
 32 the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less may be controlled
 33 by yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control
 34 devices.

35 (2) Yellow rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic
 36 control devices that are located on a pedestrian crosswalk on a
 37 public highway, street, or road that does not meet the
 38 requirements of subsection (1) must be removed from such
 39 crosswalk by October 1, 2024. The entity with jurisdiction over
 40 such crosswalk may retrofit the crosswalk with legally
 41 acceptable equipment.

42 (3) No later than October 1, 2020, the Department of
 43 Transportation must submit to the Federal Government a request
 44 for authorization to allow yellow rectangular rapid flashing
 45 beacon traffic control devices to be replaced by red rectangular
 46 rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices. If the Federal
 47 Government grants such request, all yellow rectangular rapid
 48 flashing beacon traffic control devices at each crosswalk
 49 described in subsection (1) or subsection (2) must be replaced
 50 by red rectangular rapid flashing beacon traffic control devices

51 within 12 months after the date of federal authorization.

52 (4) (a) Before the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk
53 on a public highway, street, or road which is located at any
54 point other than at an intersection with another public highway,
55 street, or road, a traffic engineering study must be conducted
56 by a Florida licensed professional engineer which recommends the
57 installation of such crosswalk.

58 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a pedestrian
59 crosswalk on a public highway, street, or road which is located
60 at any point other than at an intersection with another public
61 highway, street, or road must include a pedestrian-facing sign
62 containing language stating duties applicable to a pedestrian.

63 Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this
64 act fulfills an important state interest.

65 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.