

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to child restraint requirements;
 3 amending s. 316.613, F.S.; increasing the age of
 4 children for whom operators of motor vehicles must
 5 provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally
 6 approved child restraint device; increasing the age of
 7 children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated
 8 child seat, or a child booster seat may be used;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 14 316.613, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 316.613 Child restraint requirements.—

16 (1) (a) Every operator of a motor vehicle as defined in
 17 this section, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle
 18 operated on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state,
 19 shall, if the child is 6 ~~5~~ years of age or younger, provide for
 20 protection of the child by properly using a crash-tested,
 21 federally approved child restraint device.

22 1. For children aged through 3 years, such restraint
 23 device must be a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's
 24 integrated child seat.

25 2. For children aged 4 through 6 ~~5~~ years, a separate

26 | carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may
27 | be used. However, the requirement to use a child restraint
28 | device under this subparagraph does not apply when a safety belt
29 | is used as required in s. 316.614(4)(a) and the child:

30 | a. Is being transported gratuitously by an operator who is
31 | not a member of the child's immediate family;

32 | b. Is being transported in a medical emergency situation
33 | involving the child; or

34 | c. Has a medical condition that necessitates an exception
35 | as evidenced by appropriate documentation from a health care
36 | professional.

37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.