

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to school crossing guards; amending s.  
 3           316.75, F.S.; authorizing a school crossing guard  
 4           employed by a private school, upon approval of the  
 5           sheriff of the county in which such private school is  
 6           located, to direct traffic at certain locations under  
 7           certain circumstances; providing that the school  
 8           crossing guard is not required to meet specified  
 9           uniform minimum standards; authorizing the school  
 10          crossing guard to perform his or her duties without  
 11          the immediate supervision of a fully qualified law  
 12          enforcement officer if approved by the sheriff of the  
 13          county; providing an effective date.

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

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 17           Section 1.   Section 316.75, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 18   read:

19           316.75   School crossing guards.—

20           (1)   The Department of Transportation shall adopt uniform  
 21   guidelines for the training of school crossing guards. Each  
 22   local governmental entity administering a school crossing guard  
 23   program shall provide a training program for school crossing  
 24   guards according to the uniform guidelines.

25           (2)   Successful completion of the training program shall be

26 required of each school guard except:

27 (a)~~(1)~~ A person who received equivalent training during  
28 employment as a law enforcement officer.

29 (b)~~(2)~~ A person who receives less than \$5,000 in annual  
30 compensation in a county with a population of less than 75,000.

31 (c)~~(3)~~ A student who serves in a school patrol.

32 (3) (a) Upon approval of the sheriff of the county in which  
33 a private school, as defined in s. 1002.01, is located, a school  
34 crossing guard employed by the private school may direct traffic  
35 at fixed locations, approved by the sheriff of the county, on  
36 private school property or the portion of a county road with  
37 egress or ingress to private school property if the school  
38 crossing guard successfully completes at least 8 hours of  
39 instruction in traffic control procedures through a program  
40 approved by the Division of Criminal Justice Standards and  
41 Training of the Department of Law Enforcement or through a  
42 similar program offered by the sheriff's department of the  
43 county or police department within the county.

44 (b) A school crossing guard under this subsection is not  
45 required to otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards  
46 established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
47 Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law  
48 enforcement officers under s. 943.13.

49 (c) If approved by the sheriff of the county, a school  
50 crossing guard under this subsection may perform his or her

51 | duties without the immediate supervision of a fully qualified  
52 | law enforcement officer.

53 |       (4) School crossing guard training programs may be made  
54 | available to nonpublic schools upon contract.

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