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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

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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.