

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Baxley

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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 Criminal Justice Standards and Training  
41 Commission or through a similar program offered by the sheriff's  
42 department of the county or police department within the county.

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

48 (c) If approved by the sheriff of the county, a school  
49 crossing guard under this subsection may perform his or her  
50 duties without the immediate supervision of a fully qualified  
51 law enforcement officer.

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

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