

By the Committees on Infrastructure and Security; and 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 crossing 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 and registered under  
34 s. 1002.42, is located, a school crossing guard employed by the  
35 private school may direct traffic at fixed locations, approved  
36 by the sheriff of the county, on private school property or the  
37 portion of a county road with egress or ingress to private  
38 school property if the school crossing guard successfully  
39 completes at least 8 hours of instruction in traffic control  
40 procedures through a program approved by the Criminal Justice  
41 Standards and Training Commission or through a similar program  
42 offered by the sheriff's department of the county or police  
43 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.