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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hazardous walking conditions;
3 amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising the criteria that
4 determine a hazardous walking condition for public
5 school students; providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
10 1006.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1006.23 Hazardous walking conditions.—

12 (2) HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS.—

13 (a) *Walkways parallel to the road.*—

14 1. It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition
15 with respect to any road along which students must walk in order
16 to walk to and from school if there is not an area at least 4
17 feet wide adjacent to the road, not including drainage ditches,
18 sluiceways, swales, or channels, having a surface upon which
19 students may walk without being required to walk on the road
20 surface or if the walkway is along a freeway or an expressway,
21 including any entrance ramp, exit ramp, or interchange,
22 regardless of the posted speed limit. In addition, whenever the
23 road along which students must walk is uncurbed and has a posted
24 speed limit of 50 miles per hour or greater, the area as
25 described above for students to walk upon shall be set off the
26 road by no less than 3 feet from the edge of the road.

27 2. Subparagraph 1. does not apply when the road along which
28 students must walk:

29 a. Is a road on which the volume of traffic is less than

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30 180 vehicles per hour, per direction, during the time students
31 walk to and from school; or

32 b. Is located in a residential area and has a posted speed
33 limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.