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The Committee on Rules (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. The Department of Transportation and any impacted local government shall increase the minimum perception-reaction time for each steady yellow signal located at an intersection equipped with a traffic infraction detector by 0.4 seconds.

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of section 316.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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12 316.008 Powers of local authorities.—

13 (9) (a) A county or municipality may enforce the applicable  
14 speed limit on a roadway properly maintained as a school zone  
15 pursuant to s. 316.1895:

16 1. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the  
17 start of a regularly scheduled breakfast program;

18 2. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the  
19 start of a regularly scheduled school session;

20 3. During the entirety of a regularly scheduled school  
21 session; and

22 4. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the  
23 end of a regularly scheduled school session

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25 through the use of a speed detection system for the detection of  
26 speed and capturing of photographs or videos for violations in  
27 excess of 10 miles per hour over the speed limit in force in the  
28 school zone at the time of the violation. A school zone's  
29 compliance with s. 316.1895 creates a rebuttable presumption  
30 that the school zone is properly maintained. The restrictive  
31 school zone speed limit may only be enforced through the use of  
32 a speed detection system when any flashing beacon used to  
33 provide notice of the restrictive school zone speed limit is  
34 activated. For speed detection systems installed before July 1,  
35 2026, capturing the beacon status in photographic or video  
36 evidence or by other evidence is not required for proof of the  
37 beacon status until January 1, 2028. An area maintained as a  
38 school zone which has no beacon installed before July 1, 2026,  
39 has until January 1, 2028, to place and install a beacon, and,  
40 until a beacon is installed, the county or municipality may



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41 provide proof of the school zone speed limit in force at the  
42 time of violation without evidence of the beacon status.

43 (b) A county or municipality may place or install, or  
44 contract with a vendor to place or install, a speed detection  
45 system within a roadway maintained as a school zone as provided  
46 in s. 316.1895 to enforce unlawful speed limit violations in the  
47 school zone, as specified in s. 316.1895 ~~s. 316.1895(10)~~ or s.  
48 316.183, which are in excess of 10 miles per hour over the  
49 school zone speed limit in force at the time of violation, on  
50 that roadway. The physical placement of a speed detection system  
51 may be outside the boundaries of the school zone but within the  
52 roadway maintained as a school zone. Any notice of violation or  
53 uniform traffic citation issued using a speed detection system  
54 must be based solely on a violation occurring within the  
55 boundaries of the school zone and during the times authorized  
56 under this subsection.

57 Section 3. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of  
58 section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
59 (d), a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and  
60 paragraph (a) of subsection (1), subsection (2), and paragraph  
61 (b) of subsection (4) of that section are amended, to read:

62 316.0083 Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program;  
63 administration; report.-

64 (1)(a) For purposes of administering this section, the  
65 department, a county, or a municipality may authorize a traffic  
66 infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.640 to issue a  
67 traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s.  
68 316.075(1)(c)1. ~~A notice of violation and a traffic citation may~~  
69 ~~not be issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver~~



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70 ~~is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at~~  
71 ~~an intersection where right-hand turns are permissible. A notice~~  
72 ~~of violation and a traffic citation may not be issued under this~~  
73 ~~section if the driver of the vehicle came to a complete stop~~  
74 ~~after crossing the stop line and before turning right if~~  
75 ~~permissible at a red light, but failed to stop before crossing~~  
76 ~~over the stop line or other point at which a stop is required.~~  
77 This paragraph does not prohibit a review of information from a  
78 traffic infraction detector by an authorized employee or agent  
79 of the department, a county, or a municipality before issuance  
80 of the traffic citation by the traffic infraction enforcement  
81 officer. This paragraph does not prohibit the department, a  
82 county, or a municipality from issuing notification as provided  
83 in paragraph (b) to the registered owner of the motor vehicle  
84 involved in the violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.

85 (2) A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be  
86 issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver is  
87 making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an  
88 intersection where right-hand turns are permissible. For  
89 purposes of this subsection, the term "careful and prudent  
90 manner" means that the driver made a right-hand turn after  
91 coming to a complete stop and, in the traffic enforcement  
92 officer's determination, yielded to any pedestrian or bicyclist  
93 and did not place a pedestrian or bicyclist in danger of injury  
94 as a result of the right-hand turn, yielded to any other  
95 vehicle, and substantially reduced the speed of the motor  
96 vehicle before making the right-hand turn.

97 (4)

98 (b) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic



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99 infraction detector shall submit a report by October 1,  
100 annually, to the department which details the results of using  
101 the traffic infraction detector and the procedures for  
102 enforcement for the preceding state fiscal year. The information  
103 submitted by the counties and municipalities must include:

104 1. The number of notices of violation issued, the number  
105 that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number  
106 that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform  
107 traffic citations, the number that were paid, and the number in  
108 each of the preceding categories for which the notice of  
109 violation was issued for a right-hand turn violation.

110 2. A description of alternative safety countermeasures  
111 taken before and after the placement or installation of a  
112 traffic infraction detector.

113 3. Statistical data and information required by the  
114 department to complete the summary report required under  
115 paragraph (d) ~~(e)~~.

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117 The department must publish each report submitted by a county or  
118 municipality pursuant to this paragraph on its website.

119 (c) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic  
120 infraction detector is responsible for and shall maintain its  
121 respective data for reporting purposes under this subsection for  
122 at least 2 years after such data is reported to the department.

123 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 316.0776, Florida  
124 Statutes, is amended to read:

125 316.0776 Traffic infraction detectors; speed detection  
126 systems; placement and installation.—

127 (3) A speed detection system authorized by s. 316.008(9)



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128 may be placed or installed anywhere in an area maintained, as  
129 defined in s. 316.1895(3)(d), as a school zone on a state road  
130 when permitted by the Department of Transportation and in  
131 accordance with placement and installation specifications  
132 developed by the Department of Transportation. The speed  
133 detection system may be placed or installed anywhere in an area  
134 maintained, as defined in s. 316.1895(3)(d), as a school zone on  
135 a street or highway under the jurisdiction of a county or a  
136 municipality in accordance with placement and installation  
137 specifications established by the Department of Transportation.  
138 The placement and installation specifications must allow the  
139 placement of a speed detection system or components thereof  
140 outside the boundaries of the school zone but within the area  
141 maintained as a school zone. The speed detection system may only  
142 capture violations occurring within the school zone and during  
143 the times authorized under s. 316.008(9), regardless of the  
144 placement of the speed detection system or its components ~~The~~  
145 ~~Department of Transportation must establish such placement and~~  
146 ~~installation specifications by December 31, 2023.~~

147 (a) If a county or municipality places or installs a speed  
148 detection system as authorized by s. 316.008(9), the county or  
149 municipality must notify the public that a speed detection  
150 system may be in use by posting signage indicating photographic  
151 or video enforcement of the school zone speed limits. Such  
152 signage shall clearly designate the time period during which the  
153 school zone speed limits are enforced using a speed detection  
154 system and must meet the placement and installation  
155 specifications established by the Department of Transportation.  
156 For a speed detection system enforcing violations of s. 316.1895



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157 or s. 316.183 on a roadway maintained as a school zone, this  
158 paragraph governs the signage notifying the public of the use of  
159 a speed detection system.

160 (b) If a county or municipality begins a school zone speed  
161 detection system program in a county or municipality that has  
162 never conducted such a program, the respective county or  
163 municipality must make a public announcement and conduct a  
164 public awareness campaign of the proposed use of speed detection  
165 systems at least 30 days before commencing enforcement under the  
166 speed detection system program and must notify the public of the  
167 specific date on which the program will commence. During the 30-  
168 day public awareness campaign, only a warning may be issued to  
169 the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s.  
170 316.1895 or s. 316.183 enforced by a speed detection system, and  
171 liability may not be imposed for the civil penalty under s.  
172 318.18(3)(d).

173 (c) A county or municipality that operates one or more  
174 school zone speed detection systems must annually report the  
175 results of all systems within the county's or municipality's  
176 jurisdiction by placing the report required under s.  
177 316.1896(16)(a) as a single reporting item on the agenda of a  
178 regular or special meeting of the county's or municipality's  
179 governing body. Before a county or municipality contracts or  
180 renews a contract to place or install a speed detection system  
181 in a school zone pursuant to s. 316.008(9), the county or  
182 municipality must approve the contract or contract renewal at a  
183 regular or special meeting of the county's or municipality's  
184 governing body.

185 1. Interested members of the public must be allowed to



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186 comment regarding the report, contract, or contract renewal  
187 under the county's or municipality's public comment policies or  
188 formats, and the report, contract, or contract renewal may not  
189 be considered as part of a consent agenda.

190 2. The report required under this paragraph must include a  
191 written summary, which must be read aloud at the regular or  
192 special meeting, and the summary must contain, for the same time  
193 period pertaining to the annual report to the department under  
194 s. 316.1896(16)(a), the number of notices of violation issued,  
195 the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the  
196 number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as  
197 uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid and how  
198 collected funds were distributed and in what amounts. The county  
199 or municipality must report to the department that the county's  
200 or municipality's annual report was considered in accordance  
201 with this paragraph, including the date of the regular or  
202 special meeting at which the annual report was considered.

203 3. The compliance or sufficiency of compliance with this  
204 paragraph may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a  
205 violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183 enforced by a speed  
206 detection system in a school zone.

207 Section 5. Effective October 1, 2026, present subsections  
208 (3), (4), and (5) of section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are  
209 redesignated as subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and  
210 a new subsection (3) and subsection (7) are added to that  
211 section, to read:

212 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;  
213 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on  
214 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;



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215 public records exemption.-

216 (3) A private property owner may install an automated  
217 license plate recognition system solely for use on and within  
218 the property owned or controlled by the property owner. A  
219 private property owner that installs or directs the installation  
220 of such a system:

221 (a) May not access vehicle registration or title data for  
222 vehicles identified by the system, unless the private property  
223 owner is acting to the extent permitted by the Driver's Privacy  
224 Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721-2725, or for the limited  
225 purpose of providing notice to vehicle owners that they failed  
226 to pay for parking and that such failure has resulted in a  
227 parking charge pursuant to s. 715.075.

228 (b) May not share or sell images, personal identifying  
229 information, vehicle identification numbers or license plate  
230 numbers, or any data that could be reasonably connected to an  
231 individual collected or generated by the system, except:

232 1. To the extent required to respond to a lawful request  
233 from a criminal justice agency;

234 2. To the extent required to control or enforce access to  
235 the property or for parking enforcement;

236 3. To the extent sharing such information is necessary to  
237 report suspicious activity or suspected criminal activity to a  
238 criminal justice agency; or

239 4. To the extent permitted by the Driver's Privacy  
240 Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721-2725.

241 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that  
242 installs, maintains, or operates the system or receives  
243 information pursuant to subparagraph (b)2. to protect the images



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244 or data collected or generated by the system from disclosure,  
245 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or  
246 data, except to the extent authorized under paragraph (b).

247 (d) Must implement, and must contractually obligate any  
248 third party that installs, maintains, or operates the system or  
249 receives information pursuant to subparagraph (b)2. to  
250 implement, all of the following:

251 1. Industry-recognized encryption protocols to ensure that  
252 images and associated data collected or generated by the system  
253 are encrypted in transmission and at rest.

254 2. An auditable access control system that records access  
255 to images and associated data.

256 3. A data retention schedule that provides for deletion of  
257 images and data no later than 30 days after the images or data  
258 is collected or generated by the system, except to the extent  
259 needed to comply with a court order or subpoena, comply with the  
260 appeal process provided in s. 715.075(1)(c) and (d), or collect  
261 an unpaid invoice for parking enforcement. Records detailing  
262 disclosure logs or transaction information may be retained  
263 longer in accordance with federal law.

264 (e) May not offer or provide as payment or other  
265 consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or  
266 charge imposed based on images or data collected or generated by  
267 the system to any third party that installs, maintains, or  
268 operates the system, except to the extent that the fine or  
269 violation is issued in connection with controlling or enforcing  
270 access to such property or for parking enforcement.

271 (7) A person who uses or releases information in violation  
272 of this section commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by



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273 a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

274 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6), paragraph (a)  
275 of subsection (17), and paragraph (a) of subsection (18) of  
276 section 316.173, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

277 316.173 School bus infraction detection systems.—

278 (6)

279 (b) Procedures for an administrative hearing conducted  
280 under this subsection are as follows:

281 1. The department shall make available electronically to  
282 the school district or its designee or the county a Request for  
283 Hearing form to assist each district or county with  
284 administering this subsection.

285 2. The school district shall assign existing staff to serve  
286 as the clerk to the local hearing officer. A person, referred to  
287 in this paragraph as the petitioner, who elects to request a  
288 hearing under this subsection shall be scheduled for a hearing  
289 by the clerk to the local hearing officer. The hearing may be  
290 conducted either virtually via live video conferencing or in  
291 person.

292 3. Within 120 days after receipt of a timely request for a  
293 hearing, the law enforcement agency or its designee shall  
294 provide a replica of the notice of violation data to the school  
295 district or county by manual or electronic transmission, and  
296 thereafter the school district or its designee or the county  
297 shall mail a notice of hearing, which shall include a hearing  
298 date and may at the discretion of the district or county include  
299 virtual and in-person hearing options, to the petitioner by  
300 first-class mail. Mailing of the notice of hearing constitutes  
301 notification. Upon receipt of the notice of hearing, the



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302 petitioner may reschedule the hearing up to two times ~~once~~ by  
303 submitting a written request to the local hearing officer at  
304 least 5 calendar days before the day of the ~~originally~~ scheduled  
305 hearing. The petitioner may cancel his or her hearing by paying  
306 the penalty assessed in the notice of violation.

307 4. All testimony at the hearing shall be under oath. The  
308 local hearing officer shall take testimony from a representative  
309 of the law enforcement agency and the petitioner, and may take  
310 testimony from others. The local hearing officer shall review  
311 the video and images recorded by a school bus infraction  
312 detection system. Formal rules of evidence do not apply, but due  
313 process shall be observed and govern the proceedings.

314 5. At the conclusion of the hearing, the local hearing  
315 officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence  
316 whether a violation has occurred and shall uphold or dismiss the  
317 violation. The local hearing officer shall issue a final  
318 administrative order including the determination and, if the  
319 notice of violation is upheld, require the petitioner to pay the  
320 civil penalty previously assessed in the notice of violation,  
321 and may ~~shall~~ also require the petitioner to pay costs, not to  
322 exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(e), to be used by the  
323 county for operational costs relating to the hearing process or  
324 by the school district for technology and operational costs  
325 relating to the hearing process as well as school transportation  
326 safety-related initiatives. The final administrative order shall  
327 be mailed to the petitioner by first-class mail.

328 6. An aggrieved party may appeal a final administrative  
329 order consistent with the process provided in s. 162.11.

330 (17)(a)1. A school bus infraction detection system may not



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331 be used for remote surveillance. The collection of evidence by a  
332 school bus infraction detection system to enforce violations of  
333 s. 316.172 does not constitute remote surveillance.

334 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, video and  
335 images recorded as part of a school bus infraction detection  
336 system may only be used for traffic enforcement and for purposes  
337 of determining criminal or civil liability ~~for incidents~~  
338 captured by the school bus infraction detection system  
339 incidental to the permissible use of the school bus infraction  
340 detection system.

341 3. To the extent practicable, a school bus infraction  
342 detection system must use necessary technology to ensure that  
343 personal identifying information contained in the video or still  
344 images recorded by the system which is not relevant to the  
345 alleged violation, including, but not limited to, the identity  
346 of the driver and any passenger of a motor vehicle, the interior  
347 or contents of a motor vehicle, the identity of an uninvolved  
348 person, a number identifying the address of a private residence,  
349 and the contents or interior of a private residence, is  
350 sufficiently obscured so as not to reveal such personal  
351 identifying information.

352 4. A notice of a violation or uniform traffic citation  
353 issued under this section may not be dismissed solely because a  
354 recorded video or still images reveal personal identifying  
355 information as provided in subparagraph 3. as long as a  
356 reasonable effort has been made to comply with this subsection.

357 (18) (a) By October 1, annually ~~2023, and quarterly~~  
358 ~~thereafter~~, each school district operating a school bus  
359 infraction detection system must submit, in consultation with



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360 the law enforcement agencies with which it has interlocal  
361 agreements pursuant to this section, a report to the department  
362 which details the results of the school bus infraction detection  
363 systems in the school district in the preceding state fiscal  
364 year. The department shall publish each report on its website

365 ~~quarter.~~ The information from the school districts must be  
366 submitted in a form and manner determined by the department,  
367 ~~which the department must make available to the school districts~~  
368 ~~by August 1, 2023,~~ and must include at least the following:

369 1. The number of school buses that have a school bus  
370 infraction detection system installed, including the date of  
371 installation and, if applicable, the date the systems were  
372 removed.

373 2. The number of notices of violations issued, the number  
374 that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number  
375 that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform  
376 traffic citations, and the number that were paid.

377 3. Data for each infraction to determine locations in need  
378 of safety improvements. Such data may include, but is not  
379 limited to, global positioning system coordinates of the  
380 infraction, the date and time of the infraction, and the name of  
381 the school that the school bus was transporting students to or  
382 from.

383 4. Any other statistical data and information required by  
384 the department to complete the report required by paragraph (c).

385 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 316.183, Florida  
386 Statutes, is amended to read:

387 316.183 Unlawful speed.—

388 (2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits



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389 for all vehicles must be 30 miles per hour in business or  
390 residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all  
391 other locations. However, with respect to a residence district,  
392 a county or municipality may set a lower maximum speed limit ~~of~~  
393 ~~20 or 25 miles per hour~~ on local streets and highways after an  
394 investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is  
395 not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each  
396 residence district. The minimum speed limit on all highways that  
397 comprise a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
398 Highways and have not fewer than four lanes is 40 miles per  
399 hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per  
400 hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour.

401 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
402 316.189, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403 316.189 Establishment of municipal and county speed zones.—

404 (2) SPEED ON COUNTY ROADS.—The maximum speed on any county-  
405 maintained road is:

406 (a) In any business or residence district, 30 miles per  
407 hour in the daytime or nighttime; provided that with respect to  
408 residence districts a county may set a lower maximum speed limit  
409 ~~of 25 miles per hour~~ after an investigation determines that such  
410 a limit is reasonable; and it shall not be necessary to conduct  
411 a separate investigation in each residence district.

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413 However, the board of county commissioners may set speed zones  
414 altering such speeds, both as to maximum and minimum, after  
415 investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in  
416 conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of  
417 Transportation, except that no such speed zone shall permit a



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418 speed of more than 60 miles per hour.

419 Section 9. Subsection (6) of section 316.1895, Florida  
420 Statutes, is amended to read:

421 316.1895 Establishment of school speed zones, enforcement;  
422 designation.—

423 (6) Permanent signs designating school zones and school  
424 zone speed limits shall be uniform in size and color, and shall  
425 have the times during which the restrictive school zone speed  
426 limit is enforced clearly designated thereon. Flashing beacons  
427 activated by a time clock, or other automatic device, or  
428 manually activated may be used as an alternative to posting the  
429 times during which the restrictive school zone speed limit is  
430 enforced. However, if a restrictive school zone speed limit is  
431 enforced through a speed detection system as provided in s.  
432 316.1896, the school zone and restrictive school zone speed  
433 limit must be designated using flashing beacons. An area  
434 maintained as a school zone that has no flashing beacon  
435 installed before July 1, 2026, has until January 1, 2028, to  
436 place and install a beacon. Beginning July 1, 2008, for any  
437 newly established school zone or any school zone in which the  
438 signing has been replaced, a sign stating "Speeding Fines  
439 Doubled" shall be installed within the school zone. The  
440 Department of Transportation shall establish adequate standards  
441 for the signs and flashing beacons.

442 Section 10. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (6), and (8),  
443 paragraph (a) of subsection (15), and paragraph (a) of  
444 subsection (16) of section 316.1896, Florida Statutes, are  
445 amended to read:

446 316.1896 Roadways maintained as school zones; speed



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447 detection system enforcement; penalties; appeal procedure;  
448 privacy; reports.—

449 (1) For purposes of administering this section, a county or  
450 municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement  
451 officer under s. 316.640 to issue uniform traffic citations for  
452 violations of ss. 316.1895 and 316.183 as authorized by s.  
453 316.008(9), as follows:

454 (a) For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles  
455 per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30  
456 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly  
457 scheduled breakfast program.

458 (b) For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles  
459 per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30  
460 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly  
461 scheduled school session.

462 (c) For a violation of s. 316.183 in excess of 10 miles per  
463 hour over the posted speed limit during the entirety of a  
464 regularly scheduled school session.

465 (d) For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles  
466 per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30  
467 minutes before through 30 minutes after the end of a regularly  
468 scheduled school session.

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470 Such violation must be evidenced by a speed detection system  
471 described in ss. 316.008(9) and 316.0776(3). This subsection  
472 does not prohibit a review of information from a speed detection  
473 system by an authorized employee or agent of a county or  
474 municipality before issuance of the uniform traffic citation by  
475 the traffic infraction enforcement officer. This subsection does



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476 not prohibit a county or municipality from issuing notices as  
477 provided in subsection (2) to the registered owner of the motor  
478 vehicle for a violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183. The  
479 restrictive school zone speed limit may only be enforced through  
480 the use of a speed detection system when any flashing beacon  
481 used to provide notice of the restrictive school zone speed  
482 limit is activated. For speed detection systems installed before  
483 July 1, 2026, capturing the beacon status in photographic or  
484 video evidence or by other evidence is not required for proof of  
485 the beacon status until January 1, 2028. An area maintained as a  
486 school zone which has no beacon installed before July 1, 2026,  
487 has until January 1, 2028, to place and install a beacon, and,  
488 until the beacon is installed, the county or municipality may  
489 provide proof of the school zone speed limit in force at the  
490 time of violation without evidence of the beacon status.

491 (2) Within 30 days after a violation, notice must be sent  
492 to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the  
493 violation specifying the remedies available under s. 318.14 and  
494 that the violator must pay the penalty under s. 318.18(3)(d) to  
495 the county or municipality, or furnish an affidavit in  
496 accordance with subsection (8), within 60 ~~30~~ days after the date  
497 of the notice of violation in order to avoid court fees, costs,  
498 and the issuance of a uniform traffic citation. The notice of  
499 violation must:

500 (a) Be sent by first-class mail.

501 (b) Include a photograph or other recorded image showing  
502 the license plate of the motor vehicle; the date, time, and  
503 location of the violation; the maximum speed at which the motor  
504 vehicle was traveling within the school zone; and the speed



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505 limit within the school zone at the time of the violation.

506 (c) Include a notice that the owner has the right to  
507 review, in person or remotely, the photograph or video captured  
508 by the speed detection system and the evidence of the speed of  
509 the motor vehicle detected by the speed detection system which  
510 constitute a rebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle was  
511 used in violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183.

512 (d) State the time when, and the place or website at which,  
513 the photograph or video captured and evidence of speed detected  
514 may be examined and observed.

515 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who receives a  
516 notice of violation under this section may request a hearing  
517 within 60 ~~30~~ days after the notice of violation or may pay the  
518 penalty pursuant to the notice of violation, but a payment or  
519 fee may not be required before the hearing requested by the  
520 person. The notice of violation must be accompanied by, or  
521 direct the person to a website that provides, information on the  
522 person's right to request a hearing and on all costs related  
523 thereto and a form used for requesting a hearing. As used in  
524 this subsection, the term "person" includes a natural person,  
525 the registered owner or co-owner of a motor vehicle, or the  
526 person identified in an affidavit as having actual care,  
527 custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the  
528 violation.

529 (6) A uniform traffic citation must be issued by mailing  
530 the uniform traffic citation by certified mail to the address of  
531 the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the  
532 violation if payment has not been made within 60 ~~30~~ days after  
533 notification under subsection (2), if the registered owner has



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534 not requested a hearing as authorized under subsection (3), and  
535 if the registered owner has not submitted an affidavit in  
536 accordance with subsection (8).

537 (a) Delivery of the uniform traffic citation constitutes  
538 notification of a violation under this subsection. If the  
539 registered owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle; the person  
540 identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor  
541 vehicle at the time of the violation; or a duly authorized  
542 representative of the owner, co-owner, or identified person  
543 initiates a proceeding to challenge the citation pursuant to  
544 this section, such person waives any challenge or dispute as to  
545 the delivery of the uniform traffic citation.

546 (b) In the case of joint ownership of a motor vehicle, the  
547 uniform traffic citation must be mailed to the first name  
548 appearing on the motor vehicle registration, unless the first  
549 name appearing on the registration is a business organization,  
550 in which case the second name appearing on the registration may  
551 be used.

552 (c) The uniform traffic citation mailed to the registered  
553 owner of the motor vehicle involved in the infraction must be  
554 accompanied by the information described in paragraphs (2)(b)-  
555 (d).

556 (8) To establish such facts under subsection (7), the  
557 registered owner of the motor vehicle must, within 60 ~~30~~ days  
558 after the date of issuance of the notice of violation or the  
559 uniform traffic citation, furnish to the appropriate  
560 governmental entity an affidavit setting forth information  
561 supporting an exception under subsection (7).

562 (a) An affidavit supporting the exception under paragraph



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563 (7) (a) must include the name, address, date of birth, and, if  
564 known, the driver license number of the person who leased,  
565 rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the motor  
566 vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. If the motor  
567 vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation, the  
568 affidavit must include the police report indicating that the  
569 motor vehicle was stolen.

570 (b) If a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s.  
571 316.1895 or s. 316.183 was issued at the location of the  
572 violation by a law enforcement officer, the affidavit must  
573 include the serial number of the uniform traffic citation.

574 (c) If the motor vehicle's owner to whom a notice of  
575 violation or a uniform traffic citation has been issued is  
576 deceased, the affidavit must include a certified copy of the  
577 owner's death certificate showing that the date of death  
578 occurred on or before the date of the alleged violation and one  
579 of the following:

580 1. A bill of sale or other document showing that the  
581 deceased owner's motor vehicle was sold or transferred after his  
582 or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

583 2. Documented proof that the registered license plate  
584 belonging to the deceased owner's motor vehicle was returned to  
585 the department or any branch office or authorized agent of the  
586 department after his or her death but on or before the date of  
587 the alleged violation.

588 3. A copy of the police report showing that the deceased  
589 owner's registered license plate or motor vehicle was stolen  
590 after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged  
591 violation.



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593 Upon receipt of the affidavit and documentation required under  
594 paragraphs (b) and (c), or 60 ~~30~~ days after the date of issuance  
595 of a notice of violation sent to a person identified as having  
596 care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of  
597 the violation under paragraph (a), the county or municipality  
598 must dismiss the notice or citation and provide proof of such  
599 dismissal to the person who submitted the affidavit. If, within  
600 30 days after the date of a notice of violation sent to a person  
601 under subsection (9), the county or municipality receives an  
602 affidavit under subsection (10) from the person sent a notice of  
603 violation affirming that the person did not have care, custody,  
604 or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation,  
605 the county or municipality must notify the registered owner that  
606 the notice or citation will not be dismissed due to failure to  
607 establish that another person had care, custody, or control of  
608 the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

609 (15) (a) A speed detection system in a school zone may not  
610 be used for remote surveillance. The collection of evidence by a  
611 speed detection system to enforce violations of ss. 316.1895 and  
612 316.183, or user-controlled pan or tilt adjustments of speed  
613 detection system components, do not constitute remote  
614 surveillance. Notwithstanding any other law, recorded video or  
615 photographs collected as part of a speed detection system in a  
616 school zone may only be used to document violations of ss.  
617 316.1895 and 316.183 and for purposes of determining criminal or  
618 civil liability ~~for incidents~~ captured by the speed detection  
619 system incidental to the permissible use of the speed detection  
620 system.



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621 (16) (a) Each county or municipality that operates one or  
622 more speed detection systems shall ~~must~~ submit a report by  
623 October 1, 2024, ~~and annually thereafter~~, to the department  
624 which identifies the public safety objectives used to identify a  
625 school zone for enforcement under this section, reports  
626 compliance with s. 316.0776(3)(c), and details the results of  
627 the speed detection system in the school zone during the  
628 preceding state fiscal year and the procedures for enforcement.  
629 The information from counties and municipalities must be  
630 submitted in a form and manner determined by the department,  
631 ~~which the department must make available to the counties and~~  
632 ~~municipalities by August 1, 2023, and the department may require~~  
633 ~~data components to be submitted quarterly.~~ The report must  
634 include at least the following:

635 1. Information related to the location of each speed  
636 detection system, including the geocoordinates of the school  
637 zone, the directional approach of the speed detection system,  
638 the school name, the school level, the times the speed detection  
639 system was active, the restrictive ~~restricted~~ school zone speed  
640 limit enforced pursuant to s. 316.1895(5), the posted speed  
641 limit enforced at times other than those authorized by s.  
642 316.1895(5), the date the systems were activated to enforce  
643 violations of ss. 316.1895 and 316.183, and, if applicable, the  
644 date the systems were deactivated.

645 2. The number of notices of violation issued, the number,  
646 if any, that were issued outside of the enforcement periods  
647 authorized in subsection (1), the number that were contested,  
648 the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the  
649 number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the



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650 number that were paid.

651 3. Any other statistical data and information related to  
652 the procedures for enforcement which is required by the  
653 department to complete the report required under paragraph (c).

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655 The department must publish each report submitted by a county or  
656 municipality pursuant to this paragraph on its website.

657 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 316.1906, Florida  
658 Statutes, is amended to read:

659 316.1906 Radar speed-measuring devices; speed detection  
660 systems; evidence, admissibility.-

661 (3) A speed detection system is exempt from the design  
662 requirements for radar or LiDAR units established by the  
663 department, and the radar or LiDAR units used in the speed  
664 detection system are not required to be on any approved list of  
665 the department. A speed detection system must have the ability  
666 to perform self-tests as to its detection accuracy. The system  
667 must perform a self-test at least once every 30 days. The law  
668 enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law  
669 enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must  
670 maintain a log of the results of the system's self-tests. The  
671 law enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law  
672 enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must also  
673 perform an independent calibration test on the speed detection  
674 system at least once every 12 months. The self-test logs, as  
675 well as the results of the annual calibration test, are  
676 admissible in any court proceeding for a uniform traffic  
677 citation issued for a violation of s. 316.1895 or s. 316.183  
678 enforced pursuant to s. 316.1896. Notwithstanding subsection



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679 (2), evidence of the speed of a motor vehicle detected by a  
680 speed detection system compliant with this subsection and the  
681 determination by a traffic enforcement officer that a motor  
682 vehicle is operating in excess of the applicable speed limit is  
683 admissible in any proceeding with respect to an alleged  
684 violation of law regulating the speed of motor vehicles in  
685 school zones.

686 Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
687 316.650, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

688 316.650 Traffic citations.—

689 (3)

690 (c) If a traffic citation is issued under s. 316.0083 or s.  
691 316.1896, the traffic infraction enforcement officer, or, if the  
692 citation is issued under s. 316.173, the law enforcement  
693 officer, must ~~shall~~ provide by electronic transmission a replica  
694 of the traffic citation data to the court having jurisdiction  
695 over the alleged offense or its traffic violations bureau within  
696 5 business days after the date of issuance of the traffic  
697 citation to the violator. If a hearing is requested, the traffic  
698 infraction enforcement officer or law enforcement officer, as  
699 applicable, must ~~shall~~ provide a replica of the traffic notice  
700 of violation data to the clerk to ~~for~~ the local hearing officer  
701 having jurisdiction over the alleged offense within 14 days.

702 Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 318.15, Florida  
703 Statutes, is amended to read:

704 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;  
705 penalty.—

706 (3) The clerk of the court or the clerk to the local  
707 hearing officer shall notify the department of persons who were



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708 mailed a notice of violation of s. 316.074(1) or s.  
709 316.075(1)(c)1. pursuant to s. 316.0083, s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b)  
710 pursuant to s. 316.173, or s. 316.183 or s. 316.1895(10)  
711 pursuant to s. 316.1896 and who failed to enter into, or comply  
712 with the terms of, a penalty payment plan, or order with the  
713 clerk to the local hearing officer or failed to appear at a  
714 scheduled hearing within 10 days after such failure, and shall  
715 reference the person's driver license number, or in the case of  
716 a business entity, vehicle registration number.

717 (a) Upon receipt of such notice, the department, or  
718 authorized agent thereof, may not issue a license plate or  
719 revalidation sticker for any motor vehicle owned or co-owned by  
720 that person pursuant to s. 320.03(8) until the amounts assessed  
721 have been fully paid.

722 (b) After the issuance of the person's license plate or  
723 revalidation sticker is withheld pursuant to paragraph (a), the  
724 person may challenge the withholding of the license plate or  
725 revalidation sticker only on the basis that the outstanding  
726 fines and civil penalties have been paid pursuant to s.  
727 320.03(8).

728 Section 14. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (5)  
729 and subsection (23) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are  
730 amended to read:

731 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a  
732 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal  
733 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

734 (5)(a)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$200 for a  
735 violation of s. 316.172(1)(a), failure to stop for a school bus.  
736 If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have



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737 committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil  
738 penalty of \$200. In addition to this penalty, for a second or  
739 subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department  
740 shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than  
741 180 days and not more than 1 year.

742 2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) is enforced by a  
743 school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173,  
744 the penalty of \$200 shall be imposed. If, at an administrative  
745 hearing contesting a notice of violation or uniform traffic  
746 citation, the alleged offender is found to have committed this  
747 offense, a minimum civil penalty of \$200 shall be imposed.  
748 Notwithstanding any other provision of law except s. 28.37(6),  
749 the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph resulting  
750 from a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation shall be  
751 remitted to the school district at least monthly and used  
752 pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

753 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$400 for a  
754 violation of s. 316.172(1)(b), passing a school bus on the side  
755 that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop  
756 signal. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have  
757 committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil  
758 penalty of \$400.

759 2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b) is enforced by a  
760 school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173,  
761 the penalty under this subparagraph is a minimum of \$200. If, at  
762 a hearing contesting a notice of violation or uniform traffic  
763 citation, the alleged offender is found to have committed this  
764 offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200.  
765 Notwithstanding any other provision of law except s. 28.37(6),



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766 the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph resulting  
767 from notice of violation or uniform traffic citation shall be  
768 remitted to the school district at least monthly and used  
769 pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

770 3. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent  
771 offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend  
772 the driver license of the person for not less than 360 days and  
773 not more than 2 years.

774 (c)1. In addition to the penalty under subparagraph (a)2.  
775 or subparagraph (b)2., if, at an administrative hearing  
776 contesting a notice of violation, the alleged offender is found  
777 to have committed this offense, costs shall be imposed, not to  
778 exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(e), to be paid by the  
779 petitioner and to be used by the county for the operational  
780 costs related to the hearing or the school district for  
781 technology and operational costs relating to the hearing as well  
782 as school transportation safety-related initiatives.

783 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a county's local  
784 hearing officer administers the administrative hearing process  
785 for a contested notice of violation, the costs imposed under  
786 this subparagraph resulting from notice of violation shall be  
787 remitted to the county at least monthly.

788 2. In addition to the penalty under paragraph (a) or  
789 paragraph (b), \$65 for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b).  
790 If the alleged offender is found to have committed the offense,  
791 the court shall impose the civil penalty under paragraph (a) or  
792 paragraph (b) plus an additional \$65. The additional \$65  
793 collected under this subparagraph shall be remitted to the  
794 Department of Revenue for deposit into the Emergency Medical



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795 Services Trust Fund of the Department of Health to be used as  
796 provided in s. 395.4036. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or  
797 (b) is enforced by a school bus infraction detection system  
798 pursuant to s. 316.173, an ~~the~~ additional civil penalty amount  
799 imposed on a notice of violation, on a uniform traffic citation,  
800 or by the court under this paragraph must be \$25, in lieu of the  
801 additional \$65, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
802 the additional civil penalties and ~~additional~~ costs must be  
803 remitted to the participating school district at least monthly  
804 and used pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

805 (23) In addition to the penalty prescribed under s.  
806 316.0083, s. 316.173, s. 316.183, s. 316.1895, or s. 316.1896  
807 for violations enforced under those sections ~~s. 316.0083~~ which  
808 are upheld by the local hearing officer, the local hearing  
809 officer may also order the payment of county, ~~or~~ municipal, or  
810 school district costs, not to exceed \$250.

811 Section 15. Subsection (12) of section 320.02, Florida  
812 Statutes, is amended to read:

813 320.02 Registration required; application for registration;  
814 forms.—

815 (12) The department is authorized to withhold registration  
816 or reregistration of any motor vehicle if the owner, or one of  
817 the co-owners of the vehicle: —

818 (a) Has a driver license which is under suspension for the  
819 failure to remit payment of any fines levied in this state  
820 pursuant to chapter 318 or chapter 322; or

821 (b) Received a traffic citation for a violation of s.  
822 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. as enforced by s. 316.0083, s.  
823 316.172(1)(a) or (b) as enforced by s. 316.173, or s. 316.183 or



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824 s. 316.1895(10) as enforced by s. 316.1896 and did not request a  
825 hearing, submit an affidavit claiming an exception, or pay the  
826 traffic citation.

827 Section 16. Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is amended  
828 to read:

829 320.061 Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration  
830 certificates, license plates, temporary license plates, mobile  
831 home stickers, or validation stickers or to obscure license  
832 plates; penalty.—A person may not alter the original appearance  
833 of a vehicle registration certificate, license plate, temporary  
834 license plate, mobile home sticker, or validation sticker issued  
835 for and assigned to a motor vehicle or mobile home, whether by  
836 mutilation, alteration, defacement, or change of color or in any  
837 other manner. A person may not apply or attach a substance,  
838 reflective matter, illuminated device, spray, coating, covering,  
839 or other material onto or around any license plate which  
840 interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or  
841 detectability of the primary features or details, including the  
842 license plate number or validation sticker, ~~any feature or~~  
843 ~~detail~~ on the license plate or interferes with the ability to  
844 record the primary features or details, including the license  
845 plate number or validation sticker, ~~any feature or detail~~ on the  
846 license plate. A license plate frame that impinges upon  
847 information located on the top or bottom of the license plate is  
848 permissible, as long as law enforcement can identify the state  
849 issuing the license plate. A person who knowingly violates this  
850 section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable  
851 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

852 Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section



853 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (a) of  
854 subsection (1) of that section, as amended by section 5 of  
855 chapter 2025-125, Laws of Florida, is republished, to read:

856 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of  
857 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain  
858 providers of transportation services to persons who have  
859 disabilities.-

860 (1)(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
861 or its authorized agents shall, upon application and receipt of  
862 the fee:

863 1. Issue a disabled parking permit for a period of up to 4  
864 years, which period ends on the applicant's birthday, to any  
865 person who has long-term mobility impairment;

866 2. Issue a temporary disabled parking permit for up to 6  
867 months to a person who has a temporary mobility impairment; or

868 3. Issue a lifetime disabled parking permit to a person who  
869 is certified as permanently disabled due to permanent  
870 dismemberment or an amputation and is in need of the disabled  
871 parking permit due to that permanent dismemberment or  
872 amputation. A lifetime disabled parking permit is valid from the  
873 date of issuance until the person's death and is not subject to  
874 renewal under paragraph (d).

875  
876 A person is not required to pay a fee for a parking permit for  
877 disabled persons more than once in a 12-month period from the  
878 date of the prior fee payment.

879 (b)1. The person must be currently certified as being  
880 legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities  
881 that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without stopping



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882 to rest:

883 a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from  
884 a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive  
885 device, or without the assistance of another person. If the  
886 assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to  
887 walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe  
888 limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking  
889 permit.

890 b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.

891 c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the  
892 person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second,  
893 when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the  
894 person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at  
895 rest.

896 d. Use of portable oxygen.

897 e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the  
898 person's functional limitations are classified in severity as  
899 Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American  
900 Heart Association.

901 f. Severe limitation in the person's ability to walk due to  
902 an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, including  
903 any pregnancy-related condition.

904 2. The certification of disability which is required under  
905 subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed under  
906 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, by a podiatric  
907 physician licensed under chapter 461, by an optometrist licensed  
908 under chapter 463, by an advanced practice registered nurse  
909 licensed under chapter 464 under the protocol of a licensed  
910 physician as stated in this subparagraph, by a physician



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911 assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, or by a  
912 similarly licensed physician from another state if the  
913 application is accompanied by documentation of the physician's  
914 licensure in the other state and a form signed by the out-of-  
915 state physician verifying his or her knowledge of this state's  
916 eligibility guidelines.

917 Section 18. Section 320.0849, Florida Statutes, is  
918 repealed.

919 Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 322.142, Florida  
920 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (5), (6), and (7) are  
921 added to that section, to read:

922 322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.—

923 (4) The department may maintain a film negative or print  
924 file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital  
925 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data  
926 required by the department for identification and retrieval.  
927 Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from  
928 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and may be made and issued only:

929 (a) For departmental administrative purposes;

930 (b) For the issuance of duplicate licenses;

931 (c) For identity verification by a state agency pursuant to  
932 an interagency agreement, subject to the licensee's consent;

933 (d) In response to law enforcement agency requests;

934 (e) ~~(d)~~ To the Department of Business and Professional  
935 Regulation and the Department of Health pursuant to an  
936 interagency agreement for the purpose of accessing digital  
937 images for reproduction of licenses issued by the Department of  
938 Business and Professional Regulation or the Department of  
939 Health;



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940           (f)~~(e)~~ To the Department of State or a supervisor of  
941 elections pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate  
942 determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants  
943 and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075;

944           (g)~~(f)~~ To the Department of Revenue pursuant to an  
945 interagency agreement for use in establishing paternity and  
946 establishing, modifying, or enforcing support obligations in  
947 Title IV-D cases;

948           (h)~~(g)~~ To the Department of Children and Families pursuant  
949 to an interagency agreement to conduct protective investigations  
950 under part III of chapter 39 and chapter 415;

951           (i)~~(h)~~ To the Department of Children and Families pursuant  
952 to an interagency agreement specifying the number of employees  
953 in each of that department's regions to be granted access to the  
954 records for use as verification of identity to expedite the  
955 determination of eligibility for public assistance and for use  
956 in public assistance fraud investigations;

957           (j)~~(i)~~ To the Agency for Health Care Administration  
958 pursuant to an interagency agreement for the purpose of  
959 authorized agencies verifying photographs in the Care Provider  
960 Background Screening Clearinghouse authorized under s. 435.12;

961           (k)~~(j)~~ To the Department of Financial Services pursuant to  
962 an interagency agreement to facilitate the location of owners of  
963 unclaimed property, the validation of unclaimed property claims,  
964 the identification of fraudulent or false claims, and the  
965 investigation of allegations of violations of the insurance code  
966 by licensees and unlicensed persons;

967           (l)~~(k)~~ To the Department of Commerce pursuant to an  
968 interagency agreement to facilitate the validation of



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969 reemployment assistance claims and the identification of  
970 fraudulent or false reemployment assistance claims;

971 (m)~~(l)~~ To district medical examiners pursuant to an  
972 interagency agreement for the purpose of identifying a deceased  
973 individual, determining cause of death, and notifying next of  
974 kin of any investigations, including autopsies and other  
975 laboratory examinations, authorized in s. 406.11;

976 (n)~~(m)~~ To the following persons for the purpose of  
977 identifying a person as part of the official work of a court:

- 978 1. A justice or judge of this state;  
979 2. An employee of the state courts system who works in a  
980 position that is designated in writing for access by the Chief  
981 Justice of the Supreme Court or a chief judge of a district or  
982 circuit court, or by his or her designee; or  
983 3. A government employee who performs functions on behalf  
984 of the state courts system in a position that is designated in  
985 writing for access by the Chief Justice or a chief judge, or by  
986 his or her designee; or

987 (o)~~(n)~~ To the Agency for Health Care Administration  
988 pursuant to an interagency agreement to prevent health care  
989 fraud. If the Agency for Health Care Administration enters into  
990 an agreement with a private entity to carry out duties relating  
991 to health care fraud prevention, such contracts shall include,  
992 but need not be limited to:

- 993 1. Provisions requiring internal controls and audit  
994 processes to identify access, use, and unauthorized access of  
995 information.  
996 2. A requirement to report unauthorized access or use to  
997 the Agency for Health Care Administration within 1 business day



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998 after the discovery of the unauthorized access or use.

999 3. Provisions for liquidated damages for unauthorized  
1000 access or use of no less than \$5,000 per occurrence.

1001 (5) An identify verification service provider may use  
1002 department data for the department's or another agency's  
1003 internal identity verification purposes in a manner consistent  
1004 with this section only if such data remains in the possession of  
1005 the department.

1006 (6) An identity verification service provider may not sell,  
1007 share, or retain any information outside of the purposes of this  
1008 section.

1009 (7) The department may not allow the use of digital imaged  
1010 licenses for a private entity's business purposes.

1011 Section 20. Subsection (10) of section 332.007, Florida  
1012 Statutes, is amended to read:

1013 332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
1014 airport programs and projects; state plan.-

1015 ~~(10) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and~~  
1016 ~~unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act or~~  
1017 ~~the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations~~  
1018 ~~Act,~~ The department may fund up to 100 percent of eligible  
1019 project costs of projects under this section ~~all of the~~  
1020 ~~following~~ at a public-use airport located in a rural community  
1021 as defined in s. 288.0656 which does not have any scheduled  
1022 commercial service. The department may not require matching  
1023 funds for any eligible project at such airports located in rural  
1024 areas of opportunity designated under s. 288.0656. Funds  
1025 provided pursuant to this section may be provided as matching  
1026 funds for eligible projects funded by the Federal Government or



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1027 any state agency:

1028 ~~(a) The capital cost of runway and taxiway projects that~~  
1029 ~~add capacity. Such projects must be prioritized based on the~~  
1030 ~~amount of available nonstate matching funds.~~

1031 ~~(b) Economic development transportation projects pursuant~~  
1032 ~~to s. 339.2821.~~

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1034 ~~Any remaining funds must be allocated for projects specified in~~  
1035 ~~subsection (6).~~

1036 Section 21. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of  
1037 section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

1038 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency  
1039 repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined  
1040 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;  
1041 requirements of vehicle registration.—

1042 (11)

1043 (d)1. The department may make direct payments to a first-  
1044 tier subcontractor. Such payments do not create any enforceable  
1045 third-party beneficiary rights. The department shall adopt by  
1046 rule procedures to implement this paragraph. Such procedures  
1047 must establish the circumstances under which such payments may  
1048 be made and must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

1049 a. The contractor has not requested payment from the  
1050 department for at least 6 months.

1051 b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the  
1052 contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in  
1053 possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

1054 c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by  
1055 the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation



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1056 of such unpaid work.

1057 d. There is no legitimate dispute between the contractor  
1058 and the subcontractor.

1059 e. The department has provided written notice to the  
1060 payment and performance bond surety at least 30 days before  
1061 releasing a payment under this paragraph, and the surety has not  
1062 objected in writing within the 30-day period based on a  
1063 documented dispute or claim regarding the unpaid work or  
1064 payment.

1065 2. Amounts paid by the department pursuant to rules adopted  
1066 under this paragraph must be deducted from amounts otherwise due  
1067 to the contractor.

1068 Section 22. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18,  
1069 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new  
1070 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

1071 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance  
1072 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond  
1073 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

1074 (6) If the department and the surety enter into a takeover  
1075 agreement, such agreement must set forth procedures regarding  
1076 the surety's certification of disbursement of payment to  
1077 subcontractors.

1078 Section 23. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (6) of  
1079 section 339.175, Florida Statutes, to read:

1080 339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.—

1081 (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers,  
1082 privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in  
1083 this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement  
1084 authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts



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1085 required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently  
1086 applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It  
1087 is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. be involved in  
1088 the planning and programming of transportation facilities,  
1089 including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and high-  
1090 speed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the  
1091 extent permitted by state or federal law. An M.P.O. may not  
1092 perform project production or delivery for capital improvement  
1093 projects on the State Highway System.

1094 (j) By December 31, 2026, the M.P.O.'s serving Charlotte,  
1095 Collier, and Lee Counties must submit to the Governor, the  
1096 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
1097 Representatives a feasibility report exploring the benefits,  
1098 costs, and process of consolidation into a single M.P.O. serving  
1099 the contiguous urbanized area, the goal of which is to:

1100 1. Coordinate transportation projects deemed to be  
1101 regionally significant.

1102 2. Review the impact of regionally significant land use  
1103 decisions on the region.

1104 3. Review all proposed regionally significant  
1105 transportation projects in the transportation improvement  
1106 programs.

1107 Section 24. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1108 read:

1109 (Substantial rewording of section. See  
1110 s. 339.85, F.S., for present text.)

1111 339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant  
1112 Program.—

1113 (1) The department shall implement a Next-generation



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1114 Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the  
1115 program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading  
1116 eligible signalized intersections with artificial intelligence-  
1117 and machine learning-enabled detection, controllers,  
1118 communications, and software that prioritize modernization in  
1119 key corridors across this state.

1120 (2) (a) The department shall implement a state-local  
1121 partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:

1122 1. Authorize the department to fund first-year pilot  
1123 corridors at up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a minimum  
1124 20 percent local contribution.

1125 2. Authorize the department to fund 50 percent of ensuing  
1126 year research and development and installation.

1127 (b) Ongoing maintenance after signal modernization shall be  
1128 the responsibility of the local government and the vendor.

1129 (3) The department may waive any local match requirement  
1130 for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

1131 (4) The department shall prioritize grant applications for  
1132 intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

1133 (a) Reduce average control delay and corridor travel times.

1134 (b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to  
1135 stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support  
1136 emergency vehicle preemption.

1137 (c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal benefits  
1138 to pedestrians and cyclists.

1139 (5) The department shall use competitive procurement as  
1140 provided in chapter 287 to find a vendor or vendors that use  
1141 state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading  
1142 cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring



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1143 robust data protection. Additionally, the program shall:  
1144 (a) Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that  
1145 avoid vendor lock-in and protect cybersecurity.  
1146 (b) Ensure data transparency through standardized  
1147 performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating  
1148 benefits relative to cost.  
1149 (c) Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations,  
1150 regional traffic management centers, and law enforcement, fire  
1151 rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.  
1152 (d) Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and  
1153 independent evaluations to validate performance before large-  
1154 scale rollout.  
1155 (e) Support workforce development and local operations  
1156 staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the  
1157 equipment.  
1158 (6) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, \$20 million is  
1159 appropriated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund  
1160 to the department to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal  
1161 Modernization Grant Program as described in this section.  
1162 Section 25. Subsection (23) is added to section 775.15,  
1163 Florida Statutes, to read:  
1164 775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;  
1165 exceptions.—  
1166 (23) For a traffic citation enforced pursuant to s.  
1167 316.0083, s. 316.173, s. 316.183, or s. 316.1896, the 1-year  
1168 period of limitation for a noncriminal violation pursuant to  
1169 paragraph (2) (d) is extended for 1 year upon receipt of an  
1170 affidavit indicating that the motor vehicle was in the care,  
1171 custody, or control of another person at the time of the



1172 violation, as authorized in s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, s. 316.183,  
1173 or s. 316.1896, respectively.

1174 Section 26. Railroad crossing safety technology study.—

1175 (1)(a) The Legislature finds that improving safety at  
1176 railroad crossings is critical to protecting the lives of  
1177 pedestrians, motorists, railway workers, and the general public.

1178 Advanced detection and monitoring systems using such  
1179 technologies as sensors, high-resolution cameras, and data  
1180 analytics may provide a reliable means to enhance situational  
1181 awareness and reduce collisions at railroad crossings.

1182 (b) The Legislature further finds that additional analysis  
1183 is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, feasibility, costs,  
1184 and implementation considerations of such systems.

1185 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to direct the  
1186 Department of Transportation to study the technologies  
1187 referenced in paragraph (a) before considering any statewide  
1188 requirements for their deployment.

1189 (2) As used in this section, the term:

1190 (a) "Advanced detection and monitoring system" means a  
1191 system capable of detecting and classifying objects, such as  
1192 pedestrians, vehicles, or other obstructions at or approaching a  
1193 railroad crossing, using technologies including, but not limited  
1194 to, sensors, cameras, and data analytics.

1195 (b) "Public railroad-highway grade crossing" has the same  
1196 meaning as provided in s. 335.141(1)(b), Florida Statutes.

1197 (3)(a) The Department of Transportation shall conduct a  
1198 statewide study on the use of advanced detection and monitoring  
1199 systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings in this  
1200 state.



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- 1201       (b) The study must include, but is not limited to, an  
1202 analysis of all of the following:
- 1203       1. Available and emerging advanced detection and monitoring  
1204 technologies applicable to railroad crossings.
- 1205       2. The effectiveness of such technologies in improving  
1206 safety outcomes, including collision prevention and hazard  
1207 mitigation, based on available data from pilot programs,  
1208 deployments in other jurisdictions, or academic research.
- 1209       3. Technical and operational considerations, including  
1210 interoperability with existing railroad safety systems and  
1211 operating protocols.
- 1212       4. Costs associated with the deployment of advanced  
1213 detection and monitoring systems, including installation,  
1214 operation, maintenance, and long-term lifecycle costs.
- 1215       5. Potential funding mechanisms, including federal funds,  
1216 state funds, grants, or public-private partnerships.
- 1217       6. Criteria for identifying higher-risk railroad crossings  
1218 where such technologies may provide the greatest safety benefit.
- 1219       7. Legal, regulatory, and operational considerations  
1220 related to the deployment and oversight of advanced detection  
1221 and monitoring systems.
- 1222       8. The respective roles of the state, local governments,  
1223 and railroad owners in the implementation of such systems.
- 1224       (4) In conducting the study, the department may consult  
1225 with, as appropriate, any of the following:
- 1226       (a) Railroad owners and railroad industry representatives.  
1227       (b) Local governments with jurisdiction over public  
1228 railroad-highway grade crossings.
- 1229       (c) Transportation safety experts and academic



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1230 institutions.

1231 (d) Federal agencies or national organizations with  
1232 expertise in railroad safety.

1233 (5) By December 1, 2026, the department shall submit a  
1234 report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor,  
1235 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
1236 Representatives. The report may include policy recommendations  
1237 for legislative consideration, but may not recommend or require  
1238 the mandatory installation or upgrade of railroad crossings.

1239 Section 27. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
1240 made by this act to section 318.18, Florida Statutes, in a  
1241 reference thereto, section 318.121, Florida Statutes, is  
1242 reenacted to read:

1243 318.121 Preemption of additional fees, fines, surcharges,  
1244 and costs.—Notwithstanding any general or special law, or  
1245 municipal or county ordinance, additional fees, fines,  
1246 surcharges, or costs other than the court costs and surcharges  
1247 assessed under s. 318.18(12), (14), (19), (20), and (23) may not  
1248 be added to the civil traffic penalties assessed under this  
1249 chapter.

1250 Section 28. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1251 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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1254 And the title is amended as follows:

1255 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
1256 and insert:

1257 A bill to be entitled

1258 An act relating to transportation; requiring the



1259 Department of Transportation and any impacted local  
1260 government to increase the minimum perception-reaction  
1261 time for steady yellow signals at certain  
1262 intersections by a specified amount of time; amending  
1263 s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing enforcement of  
1264 restrictive school zone speed limits through the use  
1265 of speed detection systems under certain conditions;  
1266 providing that certain evidence is not required for a  
1267 certain timeframe for speed detection systems  
1268 installed before a certain date; revising  
1269 circumstances for which counties and municipalities  
1270 may place or install or contract to place or install  
1271 speed detection systems; providing requirements for  
1272 the physical placement of such speed detection  
1273 systems; amending s. 316.0083, F.S.; deleting a  
1274 provision prohibiting the issuance of certain notices  
1275 of violation and traffic citations for failure to stop  
1276 before crossing over a stop line or other point at  
1277 which a stop is required under certain circumstances;  
1278 defining the term "careful and prudent manner";  
1279 providing that certain counties and municipalities are  
1280 responsible for and must maintain certain data for a  
1281 specified period; amending s. 316.0776, F.S.; revising  
1282 provisions relating to the placement and installation  
1283 of certain speed detection systems and components  
1284 thereof; limiting the violations that may be captured  
1285 by such speed detection systems; amending s. 316.0777,  
1286 F.S.; authorizing a private property owner to install  
1287 an automated license plate recognition system for use



1288 on certain property for a specified purpose or in  
1289 connection with controlling or enforcement of access  
1290 to property; prohibiting a private property owner that  
1291 installs such a system from accessing certain data or  
1292 sharing or selling certain images and data; providing  
1293 exceptions; requiring such private property owners to  
1294 contractually obligate certain third parties to  
1295 protect certain images and data from disclosure;  
1296 prohibiting such private property owners from offering  
1297 or providing as payment or other consideration certain  
1298 proceeds to a third party; providing an exception;  
1299 providing noncriminal penalties for the unauthorized  
1300 use or release of certain information; amending s.  
1301 316.173, F.S.; revising procedures for certain  
1302 administrative hearings; revising a limitation on the  
1303 use of videos and images recorded as part of a school  
1304 bus infraction detection system; requiring certain  
1305 school districts to submit specified reports to the  
1306 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
1307 annually, rather than quarterly; requiring the  
1308 department to publish such reports on its website;  
1309 amending ss. 316.183 and 316.189, F.S.; authorizing  
1310 counties and municipalities to set lower maximum speed  
1311 limits in residence districts under certain  
1312 circumstances; amending s. 316.1895, F.S.; requiring  
1313 the use of flashing beacons under certain  
1314 circumstances; providing that certain areas have until  
1315 a specified date to place and install such beacons;  
1316 amending s. 316.1896, F.S.; authorizing the



1317 enforcement of restrictive school zone speed limits  
1318 through the use of speed detection systems only when  
1319 flashing beacons are activated; providing that certain  
1320 evidence is not required for a certain timeframe for  
1321 speed detection systems installed before a certain  
1322 date; providing that certain areas have until a  
1323 specified date to place or install such beacons;  
1324 revising the timeframe within which a person who  
1325 receives a notice of violation is required to take  
1326 certain action; revising the timeframe within which  
1327 the registered owner of a vehicle must furnish a  
1328 specified affidavit under certain circumstances;  
1329 revising a limitation on the use of videos and images  
1330 recorded as part of a speed detection system in a  
1331 school zone; revising information that must be  
1332 included in a specified report; deleting a provision  
1333 authorizing the department to require the quarterly  
1334 submission of certain data; requiring the department  
1335 to publish such reports on its website; amending s.  
1336 316.1906, F.S.; providing that certain radar and LiDAR  
1337 units are not required to be on certain lists;  
1338 amending s. 316.650, F.S.; revising provisions  
1339 relating to traffic citations; amending s. 318.15,  
1340 F.S.; revising provisions relating to penalties for  
1341 certain failures to comply; amending s. 318.18, F.S.;  
1342 providing exceptions to requirements that certain  
1343 civil penalties be remitted to school districts;  
1344 revising costs which a local hearing officer may order  
1345 payment of under certain circumstances; amending s.



1346 320.02, F.S.; revising circumstances under which the  
1347 department may withhold registration or reregistration  
1348 of a motor vehicle; amending s. 320.061, F.S.;  
1349 prohibiting a person from applying or attaching  
1350 materials that interfere with the legibility, angular  
1351 visibility, or detectability of, or that interfere  
1352 with the ability to record, the primary features or  
1353 details on a license plate; authorizing license plate  
1354 frames that impinge upon information at certain  
1355 locations under certain circumstances; amending s.  
1356 320.0848, F.S.; including certain pregnancy-related  
1357 conditions in the list of disabilities that qualify a  
1358 person for a disabled parking permit; repealing s.  
1359 320.0849, F.S., relating to expectant mother parking  
1360 permits; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; authorizing the  
1361 department to make and issue reproductions from  
1362 certain files and digital records for identity  
1363 verification purposes under certain circumstances;  
1364 authorizing identity verification service providers to  
1365 use department data for a specified purpose under  
1366 certain conditions; prohibiting such providers from  
1367 selling, sharing, or retaining certain information;  
1368 prohibiting the department from allowing the use of  
1369 digital imaged licenses for a private entity's  
1370 business purposes; amending s. 332.007, F.S.;  
1371 authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund  
1372 certain project costs at certain airports; prohibiting  
1373 the department from requiring certain matching funds;  
1374 authorizing the provision of certain funds as matching



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1375 funds for certain eligible projects; amending s.  
1376 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the department to make  
1377 direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor;  
1378 providing construction; requiring the department to  
1379 adopt rules establishing certain procedures; providing  
1380 requirements for such procedures; requiring that  
1381 amounts paid to a first-tier subcontractor be deducted  
1382 from amounts otherwise due to the contractor; amending  
1383 s. 337.18, F.S.; requiring that a takeover agreement  
1384 between the department and a surety set forth certain  
1385 procedures; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; requiring  
1386 metropolitan planning organizations serving specified  
1387 counties to submit a certain feasibility report to the  
1388 Governor and Legislature by a specified date, with  
1389 certain goals; amending s. 339.85, F.S.; requiring the  
1390 department to implement a Next-generation Traffic  
1391 Signal Modernization Grant Program; providing the  
1392 program's purpose; requiring the department to  
1393 implement a state-local partnership through a cost-  
1394 sharing arrangement; specifying requirements for such  
1395 arrangement; authorizing the department to waive local  
1396 match requirements for certain intersections;  
1397 requiring the department to prioritize grant  
1398 applications for certain intersections and use  
1399 competitive procurement to find certain vendors;  
1400 specifying program requirements; providing for an  
1401 annual appropriation; amending s. 775.15, F.S.;  
1402 extending the period of limitation for certain traffic  
1403 violations upon receipt of specified affidavits;



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1404 providing legislative findings and intent; defining  
1405 terms; requiring the department to conduct a statewide  
1406 study on advanced detection and monitoring systems at  
1407 public railroad-highway crossings; providing  
1408 requirements for the study; authorizing the department  
1409 to consult with certain entities; requiring a report  
1410 to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date;  
1411 reenacting s. 318.121, F.S., relating to preemption of  
1412 additional fees, fines, surcharges, and costs, to  
1413 incorporate the amendment made to s. 318.18, F.S., in  
1414 a reference thereto; providing effective dates.