

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 1376

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator King

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Transportation

DATE: March 29, 2000 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>McAuliffe</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>FP</u>	_____
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I. Summary:

The CS provides the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as part of the uniform system of traffic and pedestrian control devices, may include school speed limit zones for schools on all public roads, when identified by a local school district. The CS would also require FDOT to install and maintain traffic and pedestrian control devices for all public and private elementary and middle schools on state maintained roads.

The CS further requires FDOT to cooperate with local governments and district school boards to alleviate hazardous walking conditions.

This CS substantially amends sections 316.1895 and 334.044 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 338.155(1), F.S., presently requires the FDOT to adopt a system of traffic and pedestrian control devices for use on streets and roads surrounding schools. FDOT and local governments are to install and maintain traffic and pedestrian control devices in accordance with the uniform system. In addition, s. 316.1895(2), F.S., requires FDOT to install and maintain traffic pedestrian control devices on state maintained roads for prekindergarten early intervention schools that receive federal funding through the Headstart program.

FDOT currently has a procedure in place which directs FDOT District Traffic Operations Engineers to assist school districts in determining the adequacy of traffic controls for school sites, areas or zones involving state highways. Generally, school crossing locations are designated by the school district, and if the crossing meets FDOT criteria the signs and markings are installed by the FDOT. However, this procedure does not require the use of such signs and markings at certain types of facilities, such as high schools and day care centers.

Section 334.044, F.S., provides for the powers and duties of FDOT. The section does not specifically require FDOT to cooperate with local governments and district school boards to alleviate hazardous walking conditions.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The CS amends s. 316.1895, F.S., to provide the FDOT, as part of the uniform system of traffic and pedestrian control devices, may include school speed limit zones for schools on all public roads, when identified by a local school district. The CS would also require FDOT to install and maintain traffic and pedestrian control devices for all public and private elementary and middle schools on state maintained roads.

The CS further amends s. 334.044, F.S., to require FDOT to cooperate with local governments and district school boards to alleviate hazardous walking conditions.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
