

By Senator Baker

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to public transportation operators;  
3       prohibiting railroad engineers or operators of school  
4       buses or other public transportation vehicles from  
5       writing or sending text messages on electronic  
6       communications devices while operating a public  
7       transportation vehicle; providing a penalty; providing  
8       an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. A railroad engineer or operator of a school bus  
13 or other vehicle used for public transportation may not operate  
14 such public transportation vehicle while using an electronic  
15 communications device to write or send text-based  
16 communications, including text messages, instant messages, or  
17 electronic mail. A violation of this section is a noncriminal  
18 traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided  
19 in chapter 318, Florida Statutes.

20       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.