CHAPTER 2003-40

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1896

An act relating to school speed zones; amending s. 316.1895, F.S.; providing for the use of described flashing beacons to designate school zone speed restrictions; revising requirements for the Department of Transportation to establish certain standards; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 316.1895, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(6) Permanent signs designating school zones and school zone speed limits shall be uniform in size and color, and shall have the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced clearly designated thereon. <u>Flashing</u> <u>beacons activated by a time clock, or other automatic device, or manually</u> <u>activated may be used as an alternative to posting the times during which</u> <u>the restrictive school speed limit is enforced.</u> The Department of Transportation shall establish adequate standards for the signs <u>and flashing beacons</u>.

(8) Nothing herein shall prohibit the use of automatic traffic control devices for the control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at school crossings in lieu of permanent or portable school zone signs. The Department of Transportation shall establish standards for automatic flashing signals.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2003.

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