

CHAPTER 2024-66

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 591

An act relating to hot car death prevention; providing a short title; creating s. 683.336, F.S.; designating the month of April as “Hot Car Death Prevention Month”; encouraging specified entities to sponsor events to promote public awareness on the dangers of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle; providing methods to prevent hot car deaths; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as “Ariya’s Act.”

Section 2. Section 683.336, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

683.336 Hot Car Death Prevention Month.—

(1) The month of April is designated as “Hot Car Death Prevention Month,” to raise awareness of the dangers of leaving children in motor vehicles unattended and to educate the public in preventing hot car deaths of children.

(2) The Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, local governments, and other agencies are encouraged to sponsor events that promote public awareness on the dangers of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle and methods to prevent hot car deaths of children, including educating the public relating to:

(a) Proper motor vehicle safety for children;

(b) The criminal penalties associated with leaving a child in a motor vehicle unattended or unsupervised; and

(c) Steps a bystander can take to rescue a vulnerable child in imminent danger, as set forth in s. 768.139.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor April 8, 2024.

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