

# Recent Legislation

# HB 567

Child Restraint Requirements; Increases age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increases age of children for whom separate carrier, integrated child seat, or child booster seat may be used.

## Proposed Bill Text

316.613 Child restraint requirements.—

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17 section, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated  
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19 the child is 6 ~~5~~ years of age or younger, provide for protection  
20 of the child by properly using a crash-tested, federally  
21 approved child restraint device.

22 1. For children aged through 3 years, such restraint device  
23 must be a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's  
24 integrated child seat.

25 2. For children aged 4 through 6 ~~5~~ years, a separate  
26 carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may  
27 be used. However, the requirement to use a child restraint  
28 device under this subparagraph does not apply when a safety belt  
29 is used as required in s. 316.614(4)(a) and the child:

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DATE	CHAMBER	ACTION
1/28/2019	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filed</li></ul>
2/6/2019	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee -HJ 67</li></ul>
3/5/2019	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced -HJ 67</li></ul>
5/3/2019	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration</li><li>• Died in Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee</li></ul>

# SB 476

Child Restraint Requirements; Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc.

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# SB 476 History

DATE	CHAMBER	ACTION
1/24/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filed</li></ul>
2/8/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules -SJ 66</li></ul>
3/5/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced -SJ 66</li></ul>
3/21/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On Committee agenda-- Infrastructure and Security, 03/26/19, 4:00 pm, 110 Senate Building</li></ul>
3/26/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; YEAS 8 NAYS 0 -SJ 280</li></ul>
3/27/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs</li></ul>
4/3/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On Committee agenda-- Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 04/08/19, 4:00 pm, 301 Senate Building</li></ul>
4/8/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 -SJ 331</li><li>• Now in Rules</li></ul>
5/3/2019	Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration</li><li>• Died in Rules</li></ul>



# SB 158

Traffic Offenses; Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period, etc.



## HB 179 Child Abuse

Child Abuse; Expands definition of term "harm" to include violations of motor vehicle child restraint laws that result in injury or death of child; requires central abuse hotline to accept certain reports or calls for investigation of children who do not live in this state or country; requires DCF to report certain cases involving children who do not live in this state or country & children who are injured or die from being improperly restrained in motor vehicle to Child Protection Teams.

# HB 179 Child Abuse

174 (m) Violates s. 316.613 or s. 316.614 and such violation

175 results in the injury or death of the child, if a physician

176 licensed under chapter 458 substantiates that the violation

177 caused the child's injury or death.

# HB 179 History

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1/8/2019	House	• Filed
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3/5/2019	House	• Introduced -HJ 35
3/6/2019	House	• Favorable by Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; YEAS 13 NAYS 0 -HJ 381
3/8/2019	House	• Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee -HJ 381
5/3/2019	House	• Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration • Died in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, companion bill(s) passed, see <a href="#">CS/HB 7099</a> (Ch. <a href="#">2019-142</a> )

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