

CHAPTER 2025-59

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 85

An act relating to hazardous walking conditions; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising the criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1006.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.23 Hazardous walking conditions.—

(2) HAZARDOUS WALKING CONDITIONS.—

(a) Walkways parallel to the road.—

1. It shall be considered a hazardous walking condition with respect to any road along which students must walk in order to walk to and from school if there is not an area at least 4 feet wide adjacent to the road, not including drainage ditches, sluiceways, swales, or channels, having a surface upon which students may walk without being required to walk on the road surface or if the walkway is along a limited access facility as defined in s. 334.03(12). In addition, whenever the road along which students must walk is uncurbed and has a posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour or greater, the area as described above for students to walk upon shall be set off the road by no less than 3 feet from the edge of the road.

2. Subparagraph 1. does not apply when the road along which students must walk:

a. Is a road on which the volume of traffic is less than 180 vehicles per hour, per direction, during the time students walk to and from school; or

b. Is located in a residential area and has a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 21, 2025.

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