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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to texting while driving; amending s.
3 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for violations of
4 the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law;
5 providing enhanced penalties for such violations when
6 committed in a school zone or school crossing;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.305, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 316.305 Wireless communications devices; prohibition.—

14 (4) (a) A ~~Any~~ person who violates paragraph (3) (a) commits a
15 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving
16 violation as provided in chapter 318. For a violation occurring
17 in a legally posted school zone or designated school crossing,
18 the amount of any fine prescribed for the violation shall be
19 doubled.

20 (b) A ~~Any~~ person who commits a second or subsequent
21 violation of paragraph (3) (a) within 5 years after the date of a
22 prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3) (a) commits a
23 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
24 as provided in chapter 318. For a violation occurring in a
25 legally posted school zone or designated school crossing,
26 regardless of where the prior violation that resulted in a
27 conviction occurred, the amount of any fine prescribed for the
28 violation shall be doubled.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.