A bill to be entitled
An act relating to child restraint requirements;
amending s. 316.613, F.S.; 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;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
316.613, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
316.613 Child restraint requirements.—
(1) Every operator of a motor vehicle as defined in this
section, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated
on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state, shall, if
the child is 6 years of age or younger, provide for protection
of the child by properly using a crash-tested, federally
approved child restraint device.

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

2. For children aged 4 through 6 years, a separate
carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may
be used. However, the requirement to use a child restraint
device under this subparagraph does not apply when a safety belt
is used as required in s. 316.614(4)(a) and the child:
a. Is being transported gratuitously by an operator who is not a member of the child’s immediate family;
   b. Is being transported in a medical emergency situation involving the child; or
   c. Has a medical condition that necessitates an exception as evidenced by appropriate documentation from a health care professional.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.