

By Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Bollards Grant Program;
3 creating s. 316.0899, F.S.; requiring the Department
4 of Transportation to develop the Bollards Grant
5 Program in order to provide grants to municipalities
6 and counties for the installation of bollards in their
7 jurisdictions; defining the term "bollard"; requiring
8 a county or municipality to specify in its application
9 the area, which may include private property, where it
10 intends to install bollards and why the installation
11 is needed; requiring the department to accept
12 applications and award grants each year; requiring the
13 department to develop a plan to promote the program;
14 requiring the department to adopt rules to establish
15 application and selection criteria, subject to certain
16 requirements; requiring the department to submit the
17 grant program guidelines and the plan for promoting
18 the program to the Governor and Legislature by a
19 specified date; providing an appropriation; providing
20 an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 316.0899, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 316.0899 Bollards Grant Program.-

27 (1) The Department of Transportation shall develop the
28 Bollards Grant Program in order to provide grants to
29 municipalities and counties for the installation of bollards in

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30 their jurisdictions.

31 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "bollard" means
32 a post constructed to barricade an area to prevent motorized
33 vehicular traffic in the area.

34 (3) (a) A municipality or county must specify in its
35 application the area, which may include private property, where
36 it intends to install bollards and why the installation is
37 needed. The department must accept applications and award grants
38 each year if funds are available pursuant to subsection (5).

39 (b) The department shall develop a plan to promote the
40 program and adopt rules to establish the application and
41 selection criteria for the awarding of the grants. The selection
42 criteria must consider safety factors, including, but not
43 limited to, the number of vehicle collisions with a pedestrian
44 or structure occurring in the proposed areas, the population of
45 senior citizens in or near such areas, and the amount of use by
46 the public, particularly by senior citizens, such areas
47 experience.

48 (4) On or before January 1, 2019, the department shall
49 submit the grant program guidelines and the plan for promoting
50 the program to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
51 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

52 (5) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the sum of \$250,000 in
53 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
54 to the Department of Transportation to fund the grants awarded
55 under this section. Thereafter, the Legislature may appropriate
56 money each year to continue the program.

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