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Tallahassee, FL – This year, the Florida House of Representatives agreed to a rule change that expands the number of bills that a State Representative is permitted to file from six to seven bills. With this extra bill slot, **Representative Matt Willhite (D- Wellington)** decided to give this bill slot to a high school student who lives in District 86. After collecting submissions, **Representative Willhite** decided [on a bill](#) by **Ethan Douglas** from Wellington High School.

Representative Willhite issued the following statement:

“I recognize that young people are the future of our country. When I was provided this seventh bill slot, I thought it would be a great way to engage young adults, and help start building the bridge for our next generation of leaders. This bill idea came from a student in my district. [HB437](#) will require a minor operating or riding on a motorized vehicle to wear certain footwear.”

“As a first responder, I’ve seen the awful injuries that can happen even in a low speed accident in something like a golf cart or motorcycle. If this bill becomes law, it will help protect young people from lifelong scars or disability due to improper footwear.”

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