

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 437

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Authorizes an alternative method of instruction for the classroom portion of approved prelicensing training courses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:402.1(B), relative to the classroom instruction portion of an approved
3 driver education prelicensing training course; to authorize the classroom portion of
4 a prelicensing training course to be provided by alternative methods of instruction;
5 to establish approval requirements for the alternative method of instruction; to
6 authorize the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services,
7 to establish rules and regulations as determined necessary to define requirements;
8 and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:402.1(B) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §402.1. Driver education; required

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13 B.(1) A driver education provider licensed pursuant to R.S. 40:1461 may
14 provide all or part of the classroom instruction portion of an approved prelicensing
15 training course by an alternative method of instruction that does not require students
16 to be present in a traditional classroom if the Department of Public Safety and
17 Corrections, public safety services, approves the alternative method. The Department
18 of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, may approve the alternative
19 method only if both of the following conditions are met:

1 (a) The alternative method includes testing and security measures that the
 2 department determines are at least as secure as the measures available in the
 3 traditional classroom setting.

4 (b) The preclicensing training course, with the use of the alternative method,
 5 satisfies any other requirement applicable to a preclicensing training course in which
 6 the classroom instruction is taught to students in the traditional classroom setting.

7 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services,
 8 may establish rules and regulations as determined necessary to define the
 9 requirements for alternative methods of instruction for the preclicensing training
 10 course.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an alternative method of instruction for all or part of the classroom instruction portion of an approved preclicensing training course.

Present law specifies that no application for a license for the operation of a motor vehicle can be received from any person making application for the first time unless there is also submitted with the application, on a form approved by the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, written evidence of the successful completion by the applicant of a driver education course or a preclicensing training course.

Proposed law authorizes a driver education provider to provide all or part of the classroom instruction portion of an approved preclicensing training course by an alternative method of instruction that does not require students to be present in a traditional classroom, subject to approval by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services to approve the alternative method if it includes testing and security measures that are at least as secure as the measures available in the traditional classroom setting and use of the alternative method satisfies any other requirement applicable to a preclicensing training course taught in the traditional classroom setting.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to establish rules and regulations necessary to define the requirements for alternative methods of instruction for preclicensing training courses.

(Adds R.S. 32:402.1(B))