## DIGEST

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

<u>Present law</u> 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 prelicensing training course.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes a driver education provider to provide all or part of the classroom instruction portion of an approved prelicensing 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 prelicensing training course taught in the traditional classroom setting.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 prelicensing training courses.

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