

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

DIGEST

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 "prelicensing training course".

Proposed law authorizes a driver education provider to provide all or part of the six-hour 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.

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 "prelicensing training course" taught in the traditional classroom setting.

Proposed law prohibits any portion of the 30-hour classroom instruction of the "driver education course" required by present law from being offered in any setting other than a traditional classroom to persons under the age of 18.

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 the classroom portion of an approved "prelicensing training course" and provides that the rules are subject to oversight review by the house and senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that the classroom instruction portion of the prelicensing training course is six hours and is available to those persons 18 years of age or older.
3. Prohibit persons under the age of 18 from participating in the alternative method of instruction that does not require students to be present in a traditional classroom.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the engrossed bill

1. Adds that rules adopted are subject to oversight review by the house and senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.
2. Makes technical corrections.