

1 driver for real-life driving situations that may be experienced on the road; and to correct and
2 to identify poor driving behaviors; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations,
4 specifically 49 CFR 391.11, require commercial motor vehicle drivers to be at least twenty-
5 one years old to drive interstate commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, 49 CFR 383.71 provide the requirements for commercial motor vehicle
7 drivers to obtain a commercial learner's permit at eighteen years old; and

8 WHEREAS, most states, including Louisiana, allow eighteen through twenty year
9 old drivers to operate in intrastate commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, companion bills were introduced in the United States House of
11 Representatives and the United States Senate called the "Developing Responsible
12 Individuals for a Vibrant Economy Act" (DRIVE-Safe Act, H.R. 1374), which proposed to
13 lower the age requirement for interstate drivers to eighteen, as long as drivers under the age
14 of twenty-one participated in an apprenticeship program; and

15 WHEREAS, the apprenticeship program would include separate 120-hour and 280-
16 hour probationary periods, during which eighteen through twenty year old commercial
17 driver's license holders would operate a commercial motor vehicle under the supervision of
18 an experienced driver and must achieve specific performance benchmarks before advancing;
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20 WHEREAS, the apprenticeship program would permit nineteen and twenty year old
21 commercial drivers who have operated commercial motor vehicles in intrastate commerce
22 for a minimum of one year and 25,000 miles; and

23 WHEREAS, participants would not be allowed to operate vehicles hauling
24 passengers or hazardous materials or special configuration vehicles; such as, doubles, triples,
25 cargo tanks; and

26 WHEREAS, participants would drive vehicles equipped with active-braking collision
27 mitigation systems, forward-facing video event capture, and speed limiters set to sixty-five
28 miles per hour; and

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution:

1. Make a technical change to the title of the resolution.