

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 5000 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, JANUARY 31, 2023

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," establishing a driver education curriculum and driver training in schools.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XXVV-ADRIVER EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND DRIVER TRAINING IN SCHOOLSSection 1501-A. Scope of article.

This article relates to Driver Education Curriculum and Driver Training in Schools.

Section 1502-A. Definitions

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

"Public school." A school operated by a school district, an intermediate unit, area career and technical school, a charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school.

Section 1503-A. Driver Education Curriculum and Driver Training in Schools.

- (a) Establishment.—Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a public school in this Commonwealth must provide driver education curriculum and driver training during regular school hours to students who have successfully obtained their Learner's Permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- (b) Curriculum.—The Department shall develop curriculum in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to teach students for no less than one semester.
- (c) Driver Training.—The Department shall have an educator employed by the public school to provide on the road, behind the wheel training to students in a school owned and insured vehicle for no less than 15 hours.

Section 1504-A. Successful Completion of Driver Education Curriculum and Driver Training in Schools.

- (a) Reduction of Adult Supervised Skill Building.—Upon successful completion of driver education curriculum and driver training, a Learner's Permit holder will

only need to have 40 hours of adult-supervised skill building, rather than 65 hours, to obtain their driver's license.

- (b) Reduction of Automobile Insurance Premiums.—Upon successful completion of driver education curriculum and driver training, the driver shall receive a 5% discount on their automobile insurance premium. Any automobile insurance company licensed to do business in this Commonwealth must honor this discount with proof of successful completion of driver education curriculum and driver training.

Section 1505-A. Parent Opt-Out.

- (a) Parent opt-out.—A parent or legal guardian may submit a written request to the Principal of the public school to opt their child out of the driver education curriculum and driver training.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.