
HOUSE BILL 1588

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing mobility education to students in
2 driver training programs; amending RCW 46.82.420; creating new
3 sections; making an appropriation; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that it
6 is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage the safe and
7 efficient use of the roads by all citizens, regardless of mode of
8 transportation. In furtherance of this policy, the legislature further
9 finds and declares that driver training programs should enhance the
10 driver training curriculum in order to emphasize the importance of
11 safely sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians and educate
12 students regarding the availability of mass transit, bicycling, and
13 walking as mobility options.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.82.420 and 2006 c 219 s 12 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) The advisory committee shall consult with the department in the
17 development and maintenance of a basic minimum required curriculum and

1 the department shall furnish to each qualifying applicant for an
2 instructor's license or a driver training school license a copy of such
3 curriculum.

4 (2) In addition to information on the safe, lawful, and responsible
5 operation of motor vehicles on the state's highways, the basic minimum
6 required curriculum shall include information on:

7 (a) Intermediate driver's license issuance, passenger and driving
8 restrictions and sanctions for violating the restrictions, and the
9 effect of traffic violations and collisions on the driving privileges;

10 (b) The effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,
11 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and
12 mortality rates in the state of Washington and the current penalties
13 for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol; ~~((and))~~

14 (c) Motorcycle awareness, approved by the motorcycle safety
15 foundation, to ensure new operators of motor vehicles have been
16 instructed in the importance of safely sharing the road with
17 motorcyclists;

18 (d) Bicycle safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles have
19 been instructed in (i) the importance of safely sharing the road with
20 bicyclists and (ii) the availability and safe use of bicycling as a
21 mobility option; and

22 (e) Pedestrian safety, to ensure that operators of motor vehicles
23 have been instructed in (i) the importance of safely sharing the road
24 with pedestrians and (ii) the availability and safe use of walking as
25 a mobility option.

26 (3) Should the director be presented with acceptable proof that any
27 licensed instructor or driver training school is not showing proper
28 diligence in teaching such basic minimum curriculum as required, the
29 instructor or school shall be required to appear before the advisory
30 committee and show cause why the license of the instructor or school
31 should not be revoked for such negligence. If the committee does not
32 accept such reasons as may be offered, the director may revoke the
33 license of the instructor or school, or both.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) A mobility education pilot program is
35 created in the department of licensing to develop a mobility education
36 curriculum for use in driver training schools in Washington and to

1 implement the curriculum as pilot programs in driver training programs
2 in King and Spokane counties.

3 (2) The department of licensing must contract with an entity that
4 has recognized expertise in driver training education or mobility
5 education, or both, for the development of a mobility education
6 curriculum for the mobility education pilot program. At a minimum, the
7 curriculum must: Provide education regarding the importance of safely
8 sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians; educate students
9 regarding the availability of mass transit, bicycling, and walking as
10 mobility options; and contain both classroom and experiential
11 components. In awarding the contract, the department of licensing must
12 give preference to proposals from entities that (a) have obtained
13 additional funding for the development of the curriculum from nonstate
14 sources and (b) have recognized expertise in both driver training
15 education and mobility education.

16 (3) The department of licensing must fund pilot projects to
17 implement the mobility education curriculum in driver training programs
18 in King and Spokane counties. These pilot projects will provide the
19 mobility education curriculum as an additional component to the driver
20 training program at no additional cost to the students enrolled in the
21 program.

22 (4) The department of licensing must consult with an advisory
23 committee on the mobility education pilot program.

24 (a) The advisory committee will consist of the driver instructors'
25 advisory committee established under RCW 46.82.300, plus a
26 representative selected by the director of the department of licensing
27 from each of the following communities:

- 28 (i) Health;
- 29 (ii) Transit;
- 30 (iii) Environmental;
- 31 (iv) Bicyclists;
- 32 (v) Pedestrians; and
- 33 (vi) Other communities the director deems appropriate.

34 (b) The advisory committee must:

- 35 (i) Consult with the department of licensing regarding the awarding
36 of contracts for the development of the mobility education curriculum
37 and the pilot projects;

1 (ii) Consult with the department of licensing and the contractor
2 regarding the development of the mobility education curriculum; and

3 (iii) Evaluate the pilot projects, with the assistance of the
4 department of licensing, and provide recommendations to the
5 transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2009,
6 regarding, at a minimum, curriculum content, cost, implementation,
7 funding, liability, whether mobility education should be a voluntary or
8 mandatory portion of the driver training curriculum, and whether and
9 how to provide the mobility education curriculum statewide.

10 (5) This section expires June 30, 2009.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of three hundred thousand dollars,
12 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
13 biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the multimodal fund to the
14 department of licensing for the purposes of section 3 of this act. The
15 amount in this section is provided solely for contracts entered into
16 under section 3 of this act to develop and provide mobility education
17 for students enrolled in driver training programs.

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