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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing certain parents to provide driver's education
2 instruction.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.178A DRIVER EDUCATION --
2 TEACHING PARENT.

3 1. TEACHING PARENT QUALIFICATIONS. As an alternative to
4 section 321.178, a teaching parent may instruct a student in
5 driver's education courses which meet the requirements of this
6 section. To qualify as a teaching parent, the parent or
7 guardian must hold a teaching certificate at the secondary
8 level and a valid certificate to teach driver's education, or
9 comply with the definition of a teaching parent in this
10 section, and provide certified evidence that the requirements
11 under this section have been met.

12 2. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section:

13 a. "Student" means a person within the custody and control
14 of the teaching parent, who is between the ages of fourteen
15 and twenty-one years of age and who satisfies preliminary
16 licensing requirements of the department.

17 b. "Teaching parent" means a person who is the parent or
18 guardian of a student, who holds a current valid Iowa license
19 to operate a motor vehicle, and who elects to engage in
20 instruction of the student.

21 3. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION. A driver education course
22 administered by a teaching parent shall consist at a minimum
23 of the following:

24 a. Thirty clock hours of classroom instruction.

25 b. Fifty hours of street or highway driving.

26 c. Four hours of classroom instruction concerning
27 substance abuse.

28 The content of the course of instruction required under
29 this subsection shall be equivalent to that required under
30 section 321.178. However, the course requirements, reference
31 and study materials, manuals, study aids, workbooks, physical
32 requirements, classroom dimensions, type of chalkboards, extra
33 vehicle safety equipment, extra foot brake, cut-off switches,
34 and extra mirrors required for instruction under section
35 321.178 shall not be required for the course of instruction

1 provided under this section.

2 4. COURSE COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION. Upon completion
3 of a course under this section, the teaching parent shall
4 document or provide evidence showing substantial statutory
5 compliance with the requirements of subsection 3 and certify
6 by affidavit to the department of education that the course
7 has been completed. Documentation shall include the
8 following:

- 9 a. An affidavit attesting to satisfactory completion of
10 course work and street or highway driving instruction.
11 b. A listing of subjects presented in classroom training.
12 c. Copies of written tests completed by the student.
13 d. A statement of the number of classroom hours of
14 instruction.
15 e. A log of street or highway driving instruction
16 including the dates when the lessons were conducted, the
17 student's and the parent's name and initials noted next to
18 each entry, notes on driving activities, including a list of
19 driving deficiencies and improvements, and the duration of the
20 driving time for each session. If the department of education
21 is satisfied that the course has been completed in accordance
22 with this section, the department shall certify it as an
23 approved driver's education course.

24 5. DRIVER'S LICENSE. Any student who successfully
25 completes an approved driver education course as provided in
26 this section shall be eligible for a driver's license at the
27 age of sixteen years.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill allows a parent or guardian to teach driver's
30 education and allows a student who successfully completes the
31 teaching parent instruction to obtain a driver's license. To
32 qualify as a teaching parent, the person must hold a teaching
33 certificate at the secondary level and a valid certificate to
34 teach driver's education, or comply with the definition of a
35 teaching parent, and provide certified evidence that all the

1 requirements in the bill have been met.

2 The bill defines "student" as a person within the custody
3 and control of the teaching parent, who is between the ages of
4 14 and 21 years of age and who satisfies the state department
5 of transportation's preliminary licensing requirements, and
6 "teaching parent" as a person who is the parent or guardian of
7 a student, who holds a current valid Iowa license to operate a
8 motor vehicle, and who elects to engage in instruction of the
9 student.

10 The bill provides that a driver education course
11 administered by a teaching parent shall consist of 30 clock
12 hours of classroom instruction, 50 hours of street or highway
13 driving, and four hours of classroom instruction concerning
14 substance abuse. Currently, a student must take 30 hours of
15 classroom instruction, six or more hours of laboratory
16 instruction, of which at least three hours must be street or
17 highway driving, four hours of substance abuse instruction, 20
18 minutes of instruction concerning railroad crossing safety,
19 and instruction relating to becoming an organ donor. The
20 content of the parental instruction shall be equivalent to
21 that required under section 321.178. The course requirements,
22 reference and study materials, manuals, study aids, workbooks,
23 physical requirements, classroom dimensions, type of
24 chalkboards, extra vehicle safety equipment, extra foot brake,
25 cut-off switches, and extra mirrors are not required for a
26 course of instruction under the bill.

27 When the course is completed, the teaching parent must
28 document or provide evidence showing substantial statutory
29 compliance and certify that information by affidavit to the
30 department. Documentation includes an affidavit attesting to
31 satisfactory completion of course work and street or highway
32 driving instruction, a listing of subjects presented in
33 classroom training, copies of written tests completed by the
34 student, a statement of the number of classroom hours, and a
35 log of street or highway driving instruction including the

1 dates when the lessons were conducted, the student's name and
2 initials, the parent's name and initials, notes on driving
3 activities, including deficiencies and improvements, and the
4 driving time for each session. If the department of education
5 is satisfied that the course has been completed as required in
6 accordance with section 321.178A, the department of education
7 shall certify the course as an approved driver's education
8 course. A student who successfully completes an approved
9 driver's education course is eligible for a driver's license
10 at 16 years of age.

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