

Senate File 464

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.178A DRIVER EDUCATION -
1 2 TEACHING PARENT.
1 3 1. TEACHING PARENT QUALIFICATIONS. As an alternative to
1 4 section 321.178, a teaching parent may instruct a student in
1 5 driver's education courses. To qualify as a teaching parent,
1 6 the parent or guardian must hold a teaching certificate at the
1 7 secondary level and a valid certificate to teach driver's
1 8 education or comply with the definition of a teaching parent
1 9 in this section and provide certified evidence that the
1 10 requirements under this section have been met.
1 11 2. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section:
1 12 a. "Student" means a person within the custody and control
1 13 of the teaching parent, who is between the ages of fourteen
1 14 and twenty-one years of age and who satisfies preliminary
1 15 licensing requirements of the department.
1 16 b. "Teaching parent" means a person who is the parent or
1 17 guardian of a student who holds a current valid Iowa license
1 18 to operate a motor vehicle and who elects to engage in
1 19 instruction of the student.
1 20 3. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION. A driver education course
1 21 administered by a teaching parent shall consist at a minimum
1 22 of the following:
1 23 a. Thirty clock hours of classroom instruction.
1 24 b. Fifty hours of street or highway driving.
1 25 c. Four hours of classroom instruction concerning
1 26 substance abuse.
1 27 The content of the course of instruction required under
1 28 this subsection shall be equivalent to that required under
1 29 section 321.178. However, the course requirements, reference
1 30 and study materials, manuals, study aids, workbooks, physical
1 31 requirements, classroom dimensions, type of chalkboards, extra
1 32 vehicle safety equipment, extra foot brake, cut-off switches,
1 33 and extra mirrors required for instruction under section
1 34 321.178 shall not be required for the course of instruction
1 35 provided under this section.
2 1 4. COURSE COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION. Upon completion
2 2 of a course under this section, the teaching parent shall
2 3 document or provide evidence showing substantial statutory
2 4 compliance with the requirements of subsection 3 and certify
2 5 by affidavit to the department of education that the course
2 6 has been completed. Documentation shall include the
2 7 following:
2 8 a. An affidavit attesting to satisfactory completion of
2 9 course work and laboratory experience.
2 10 b. A listing of subjects presented in classroom training.
2 11 c. Copies of written tests completed by the student.
2 12 d. A statement of the number of classroom hours of
2 13 instruction.
2 14 e. A log of street and highway instruction including the
2 15 date when the lessons were conducted, the student's and the
2 16 parent's name and initials noted next to each entry, notes on
2 17 driving activities, including a list of driving deficiencies
2 18 and improvements, and the duration of the driving time for
2 19 each session. If the department of education is satisfied
2 20 that the course has been completed in accordance with this
2 21 section, the department shall certify it as an approved

2 22 driver's education course.
2 23 5. DRIVER'S LICENSE. Any student who successfully
2 24 completes an approved driver education course as provided in
2 25 this section shall be eligible for a driver's license at the
2 26 age of sixteen years.

2 27 EXPLANATION

2 28 This bill allows a parent or guardian to teach driver's
2 29 education and allows a student who successfully completes the
2 30 teaching parent instruction to obtain a driver's license. To
2 31 qualify as a teaching parent, the person must hold a teaching
2 32 certificate at the secondary level and a valid certificate to
2 33 teach driver's education or comply with the definition of a
2 34 teaching parent and provide certified evidence that all the
2 35 requirements in the bill have been met.

3 1 The bill defines "student" as a person within the custody
3 2 and control of the teaching parent, who is between the ages of
3 3 14 and 21 years of age and who satisfies the state department
3 4 of transportation's preliminary licensing requirements, and
3 5 "teaching parent" as a person who is the parent or guardian of
3 6 a student who holds a current valid Iowa license to operate a
3 7 motor vehicle and who elects to engage in instruction of the
3 8 student.

3 9 The bill provides that a driver education course
3 10 administered by a teaching parent shall consist of 30 clock
3 11 hours of classroom instruction, 50 hours of street or highway
3 12 driving, and four hours of classroom instruction concerning
3 13 substance abuse. Currently, a student must take 30 hours of
3 14 classroom instruction, six or more hours of laboratory
3 15 instruction, of which at least three hours must be street or
3 16 highway driving, four hours of substance abuse instruction, 20
3 17 minutes of instruction concerning railroad crossing safety,
3 18 and instruction relating to becoming an organ donor. The
3 19 content of the instruction shall be equivalent to that
3 20 required under section 321.178. The course requirements,
3 21 reference and study materials, manuals, study aids, workbooks,
3 22 physical requirements, classroom dimensions, type of
3 23 chalkboards, extra vehicle safety equipment, extra foot brake,
3 24 cut-off switches, and extra mirrors are not required for a
3 25 course of instruction under this section.

3 26 When the course is completed, the teaching parent must
3 27 document or provide evidence showing substantial statutory
3 28 compliance and certify that information by affidavit to the
3 29 department. Documentation includes an affidavit attesting to
3 30 satisfactory completion of course work and laboratory
3 31 experience, a listing of subjects presented in classroom
3 32 training, copies of written tests completed by the student, a
3 33 statement of the number of classroom hours, and a log of
3 34 street and highway instruction including the date when the
3 35 lessons were conducted, the student's name and initials, the
4 1 parent's name and initials, notes on driving activities,
4 2 including deficiencies and improvements, and the driving time
4 3 for each session. If the department of education is satisfied
4 4 that the course has been completed as required in accordance
4 5 with section 321.178A, the department of education shall
4 6 certify the course as an approved driver's education course.
4 7 A student who successfully completes an approved driver's
4 8 education course is eligible for a driver's license at 16
4 9 years of age.

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