

**House File 138 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to approved driver education courses.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 An approved driver education course as programmed by the  
5 department shall consist of at least thirty clock hours of  
6 classroom instruction, of which no more than one hundred eighty  
7 minutes shall be provided to a student in a single day, nor  
8 more than three hundred minutes per week unless additional  
9 time is needed to make up a class due to a student's excused  
10 absence or class cancellation; and six or more clock hours of  
11 laboratory instruction of which at least three clock hours  
12 shall consist of street or highway driving. Street or highway  
13 driving instruction shall be limited to not more than thirty  
14 minutes per student per week and no more than two students may  
15 be present in the vehicle during street or highway driving  
16 instruction. Classroom instruction shall include all of the  
17 following:

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill limits the number of minutes per week of classroom  
22 and street or highway driver education instruction that may be  
23 provided to a student per week in an approved driver education  
24 course.

25 The bill limits classroom instruction time to no more than  
26 300 minutes per week unless additional time is needed to make  
27 up a class due to an excused absence or class cancellation, and  
28 limits street or highway driving instruction to not more than  
29 30 minutes per student per week. The bill also provides that  
30 no more than two students may be present in the vehicle during  
31 street or highway driving instruction.

32 The current approved course requirements of 30 total clock  
33 hours of classroom instruction and three total hours of street  
34 or highway driving remain unchanged.