

**House File 496 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 325)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to driver education course requirements for  
2 students who require a motor vehicle modified with special  
3 adaptive equipment.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, Code 2017, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* For students who require a motor vehicle  
4 modified with special adaptive equipment, including but not  
5 limited to hand controls or a wheelchair lift, laboratory  
6 instruction consisting of street or highway driving shall be  
7 limited to a maximum of sixty minutes per student per session,  
8 unless additional time is necessary to make up instruction time  
9 missed due to a course absence or cancellation. If at least  
10 one student participating in laboratory instruction consisting  
11 of street or highway driving requires a motor vehicle modified  
12 with special adaptive equipment, only one or two students  
13 shall be scheduled for the laboratory instruction to ensure  
14 that appropriate observation time is experienced and to limit  
15 driver distraction from passengers. At all times during such  
16 laboratory instruction, a camera capable of providing a view  
17 of the front driver's seat and front passenger's seat shall be  
18 in operation and recording. The recording of any laboratory  
19 instruction under this paragraph "f" shall be made available to  
20 any law enforcement agency or the department upon request.

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EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill provides that for students who require a motor  
25 vehicle modified with special adaptive equipment, driver's  
26 education laboratory instruction consisting of street or  
27 highway driving shall be limited to a maximum of 60 minutes  
28 per student per session, unless additional time is necessary  
29 to make up instruction time missed due to a course absence  
30 or cancellation. If at least one student participating in  
31 laboratory instruction consisting of street or highway driving  
32 requires a motor vehicle modified with special adaptive  
33 equipment, only one or two students shall be scheduled for the  
34 laboratory instruction to ensure that appropriate observation  
35 time is experienced and to limit driver distraction from

1 passengers. The bill also requires that at all times during  
2 such laboratory instruction, a camera capable of providing a  
3 view of the front driver's seat and front passenger's seat  
4 shall be in operation and recording. The recording of any  
5 laboratory instruction must be made available to any law  
6 enforcement agency or the department of transportation upon  
7 request.