

**House Study Bill 82 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BEST)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring approved driver education courses to include  
2 instruction concerning distracted driving.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) A minimum of four hours of instruction concerning  
4 substance abuse and distracted driving.

5 Sec. 2. Section 321.178A, subsection 3, paragraph a,  
6 subparagraph (3), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

7 (3) Four hours of classroom instruction concerning  
8 substance abuse and distracted driving.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 Under current law, student drivers are required to complete  
13 an approved driver education course. The course is required to  
14 consist of a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction and  
15 at least six hours of laboratory instruction. The classroom  
16 instruction must include at least four hours of instruction  
17 concerning substance abuse, at least 20 minutes of instruction  
18 concerning railroad crossing safety, instruction relating to  
19 becoming an organ donor, and instruction providing an awareness  
20 about sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles.

21 As an alternative to the approved course requirements  
22 under Code section 321.178, a teaching parent, under Code  
23 section 321.178A, may instruct a student in an approved  
24 driver education course with the same classroom instruction  
25 requirements and 40 hours of street or highway driving  
26 including four hours of driving after sunset and before sunrise  
27 while the student is accompanied by the teaching parent.

28 This bill requires approved classroom courses to include  
29 instruction for students concerning distracted driving  
30 under Code sections 321.178 and 321.178A. Approved courses  
31 must include a minimum of four hours instruction concerning  
32 substance abuse and distracted driving. The bill does not add  
33 additional required instruction time to the student curriculum.