

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1372
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that there is no adequate statewide curriculum in place for driver education courses regarding law enforcement procedures. H.B. 1372 seeks to address this issue by requiring certain information to be included in the curriculum of each driver education and driving safety course.

H.B. 1372 amends current law relating to information included in the curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety course.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 1 (Sections 1001.109 and 1001.1091, Education Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, by adding Sections 1001.109 and 1001.1091, as follows:

Sec. 1001.109. INFORMATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC STOPS. (a) Requires the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR), by rule, in consultation with the Texas Department of Public Safety and regional leaders in driver education and law enforcement appointed under Subsection (b), to require that information relating to law enforcement procedures for traffic stops be included in the curriculum of each driver education and driving safety course. Requires that the curriculum include a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and information regarding appropriate interactions with law enforcement.

(b) Requires the advisory committee appointed by TCLR, under Section 1001.058 (Advisory Committee), to assist in the development of the driver education and driving safety course curriculum requirements under Subsection (a).

Sec. 1001.1091. INFORMATION RELATING TO CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEMS. Requires TCLR, by rule, to require that information relating to the proper use of child passenger safety seat systems be included in the curriculum of each driver education and driving safety course.

SECTION 2. (a) Requires TCLR, not later than March 1, 2018, to adopt the rules required by Sections 1001.109(a) and 1001.1091, Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Requires each provider of a driver education course or driving safety course, not later than September 1, 2018, to submit the curriculum adopted pursuant to Sections 1001.109(a) and 1001.1091, Education Code, as added by this Act, to TCLR for approval.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.