

SENATE BILL NO. 1567

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BURGER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 170, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to driver education in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 170, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 170.027, to read as
3 follows:

170.027. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Missouri Integrated Safe Driving Program".

3 2. As used in this section, "driver education
4 instruction and training" means instruction and training
5 provided under the Missouri integrated safe driving program
6 that offers instruction in the use and operation of motor
7 vehicles including, but not limited to, instruction in the
8 safe operation of motor vehicles and rules of the road and
9 the laws of this state relating to motor vehicles.

10 3. (1) The department of elementary and secondary
11 education shall receive and review sample lessons from
12 recognized statewide professional organizations and
13 districts that meet the requirements of the Missouri
14 integrated safe driving program.

15 (2) Sample lessons shall be made available to each
16 public school district and charter school offering courses
17 to pupils in grades nine through twelve.

(3) For the 2027-28 school year and all subsequent school years, each public school district and charter school offering courses to pupils in grades nine through twelve may adopt a plan implementing the Missouri integrated safe driving program, which may use the sample lessons.

4. The Missouri integrated safe driving program shall:

(1) Inform pupils about the requirements for obtaining and driving with an instruction permit, an intermediate license, and a full driver license under Missouri's graduated driver license law as established in chapter 302;

(2) Emphasize the development of knowledge, attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles;

(3) Provide instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety issue;

(4) Provide instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops, including a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and appropriate interactions with law enforcement; and

(5) Provide pupils with current data on driver safety related to risky behaviors.

5. Districts may require pupils to participate in lessons devoted to addressing the requirements of the Missouri integrated safe driving program in courses as determined by the district. These lessons shall meet standards within the content of the course but use safe driving as the context and application of the course standards.

6. (1) The driver education instruction and training under this section shall not require any pupil to physically operate a motor vehicle as part of such instruction and training.

50 (2) This section shall not be construed to prohibit
51 any public school district or charter school from offering
52 an elective driver education course that is different from
53 the driver education instruction and training required under
54 this section.

55 7. The state board of education may promulgate all
56 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of
57 this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
58 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
59 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
60 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
61 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
62 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
63 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
64 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
65 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
66 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
67 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
68 2026, shall be invalid and void.

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