

HB 694 -- Driver's Licenses

Sponsor: Quinn (7)

This bill requires any applicant for a driver's license or a temporary permit who is 15 to 18 years of age and attends public school to present a certificate from his or her school stating that the applicant has complied with the school district's standards for eligibility for a driver's license or temporary permit.

A school district's standards must ensure that a student continues to make educational progress. If an applicant does not achieve the school district's standards, his or her driver's license test will be postponed until he or she demonstrates that the standards have been achieved.

Any person who is emancipated and does not meet the qualification may request his or her district's school board to grant a waiver from the requirements. School boards will grant a waiver if it determines that having a license to operate a motor vehicle is in the best interest of the individual. Any person who drops out of school and earns a general educational development (GED) diploma will be granted, upon request, a waiver from these requirements.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue, must establish a model or models for school district standards.

Any person who knowingly submits false information to the Department of Revenue will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

The bill becomes effective January 1, 2010.