

HB 785 -- EDUCATION FOR DRIVERS

SPONSOR: Bangert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill requires those conducting driver's education programs to incorporate information about traffic stops made by law enforcement into the curriculum prior to January 1, 2018. It also requires those giving driving examinations to present such information during the operation of a motor vehicle portion of the exam.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the purpose of the bill is to educate drivers about what to expect when a law enforcement officer stops them. This is a novel approach that will help keep drivers safe as well as police officers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bangert; POP Protocol; Jeff Roorda, St. Louis Police Officers Association; and the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.