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HOUSE BILL NO. 603

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REEDY.

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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 one new section, to be
2 known as section 170.027, to read as follows:

170.027. 1. As used in this section, "driver education instruction and training"
2 **means instruction and training that offers instruction in the use and operation of motor**
3 **vehicles including, but not limited to, instruction in the safe operation of motor vehicles**
4 **and rules of the road and the laws of this state relating to motor vehicles.**

5 **2. The state board of education shall develop and recommend a program of**
6 **driver education instruction and training to be offered as part of the one-half unit of**
7 **credit in health education in each public school district and charter school offering**
8 **courses to pupils in grades ten to twelve. The board shall make such driver education**
9 **instruction and training available for the 2024-25 school year and all subsequent school**
10 **years. Each public school district and charter school shall offer such instruction and**
11 **training or a substantially similar program of driver education instruction and training**
12 **to pupils in grades ten to twelve in the 2024-25 school year and all subsequent school**
13 **years.**

14 **3. The driver education instruction and training required under this section**
15 **shall:**

16 **(1) Instruct pupils about the operation of motor vehicles;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

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

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

20 **(4) Provide instruction on special hazards existing at emergency situations and**
21 **required safety and driving precautions that shall be observed in such situations and at**
22 **highway construction and maintenance zones, railroad crossings, and the approaches**
23 **thereto;**

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

27 **(6) Provide such other instruction developed by the state board of education in**
28 **conjunction with the department of transportation and the Missouri state highway**
29 **patrol that is deemed necessary to instruct pupils on the operation and equipment of**
30 **motor vehicles.**

31 **4. (1) The driver education instruction and training required under this section**
32 **shall not require any pupil to physically operate a motor vehicle as part of such**
33 **instruction and training.**

34 **(2) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any public school district or**
35 **charter school from offering an elective driver education course that is different from**
36 **the driver education instruction and training required under this section.**

37 **5. The state board of education may promulgate all necessary rules and**
38 **regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that**
39 **term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
40 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**
41 **provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter**
42 **536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**
43 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**
44 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**
45 **and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.**

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