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I support Driver's Education for novice drivers. If required before graduation, HB 1688 would solve the problem of those students who are waiting until after they are 18 to take their driving tests so they don't have to abide by the restrictions in the Intermediate License Law. I would hope Driver Education curriculum would be uniform throughout the State. At my last check a few days ago, 37 of our states require some form of Driver Education before licensing. My motivation is that my husband's death was caused by a teen driver who had his license for only 7 months when his actions caused my husband's death. He had 2 warning stops and 3 excessive speeding tickets in that 7 months time and "0" points on his license. The teen admitted he had not had Driver Education and learned by the "catch as, catch can" method. That would be whichever adult in his family he could catch to ride with him as he practiced his driving. He apparently developed some bad habits as the cause of the wreck was his 11 mph "Hollywood Stop" through a stop sign.



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As a current Drivers Education teacher in various schools in Missouri for almost 30 years, I can truly say we need this course available to as many people as possible. When the drivers education certification programs were dismantled in the later part of the 1990's, it started the decline of certified educators available to properly educate our children. We know the graduated drivers license was supposed to curb the number of accidents and deaths among teen drivers but that is simply has not been case. Our current drivers in Missouri from ages 16 to approximately 40 did not have opportunity to be educated to understand the fact that they are responsible for the safety of a loaded 2 ton weapon, commonly referred to as a vehicle. We have parents teaching their kids how to drive who, in fact, do not know how to be responsible behind the wheel themselves. It is the job of every level of government to protect its citizens and this is one bill that will ensure that a larger percentage know how to actually be responsible on the road. Please pass legislation to help our youth to be better, safe drivers.



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We are writing on behalf of Missourians for Responsible Transportation, a non-profit focused on fostering strong communities by aligning advocacy efforts for streets, roads, and trails that work for all Missourians, to express strong support for the reintroduction of driver's education curriculum in Missouri schools. As residents of Missouri deeply invested in the safety and well-being of our communities, we believe that equipping our youth with comprehensive driver's education is essential for fostering responsible driving habits and reducing crashes on our roads. The absence of driver's education programs in Missouri schools has left a noticeable gap in preparing our young drivers for the challenges they will inevitably face on the road. With distracted driving and other risky behaviors becoming increasingly prevalent among novice drivers, and Missouri ranked in 2023 as having the second-worst teen driving record among all states [WalletHub], it is imperative that we provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate our roadways safely. Studies have shown that comprehensive driver's education programs contribute to lower crash rates and better-prepared drivers. By investing in the education and training of our youth, we are investing in the future of road safety in Missouri. Integrating driver's education into Missouri school's health curriculum ensures that all students have access to potentially life-saving information for teenagers, for which vehicle crashes are their leading cause of death [Missouri Primary Care Association]. It also establishes a standardized framework for instruction. By incorporating topics such as defensive driving techniques, understanding road signs and signals, and the dangers of driving distracted or driving under the influence, we can empower our youth to make informed decisions behind the wheel. Integrating driver's education into schools aligns with broader efforts to promote public safety and reduce traffic-related fatalities. Moreover, offering driver's education in schools can help address disparities in access to such programs. Many families may not have the means to enroll their children in private driving schools, leaving some students at a disadvantage when obtaining their driver's licenses. By making driver's education a part of the school curriculum, we can ensure that every student, regardless of socioeconomic status, has equal opportunities to learn and develop essential driving skills. As advocates for safer roads and communities, we urge you to consider supporting House Bill 1688. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Missouri's youth and pave the way for safer roads for generations to come. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your support and collaboration in advocating for the reintroduction of driver's education in Missouri schools. Sincerely, Taylor March, Executive Director - Missourians for Responsible Transportation





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