

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 248
103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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

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

**8 3. (1) The state department of elementary and secondary education shall receive
9 and vet sample lessons from recognized statewide professional organizations and
10 districts that meet the requirements of the Missouri integrated safe driving program.**

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

**13 (3) For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each public
14 school district and charter school offering courses to pupils in grades nine through
15 twelve may adopt a plan implementing the Missouri integrated safe driving program,
16 which may use the sample lessons.**

17 4. The Missouri integrated safe driving program shall:

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.

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

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

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

24 (4) 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 (5) Provide pupils with current data on driver safety related to risky behaviors.

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

32 6. (1) The driver education instruction and training under this section shall not
33 require any pupil to physically operate a motor vehicle as part of such instruction and
34 training.

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

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

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