

HB 248 -- DRIVER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Reedy

This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop a driver education instruction and training program to be offered as part of the health curriculum in public and charter schools to pupils in grades nine to 12. The instruction and training will be made available by the 2026-27 school year and districts and charter schools will offer the instruction or a similar program. The instruction must include, but is not limited to, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles, distracted driving hazards, and traffic stop procedures.

The instruction does not require physical operation of a vehicle and the bill does not prohibit schools from offering additional driver education courses.

This bill is the similar to HB 1688 (2024), HB 603 (2023) and HCS HB 2745 (2022).