HB 1289 -- PROVISION OF STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

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The bill exempts homeless children, homeless youth, and unaccompanied youth from certain fees collected by Department of Revenue fee offices.

A minor's status as a homeless child, homeless youth, or unaccompanied youth shall be verified by a letter signed by a director or designee of a governmental or nonprofit agency providing services to homeless persons, by a local education agency liaison as described under federal law, by a school social worker or counselor, or by an attorney who is representing the minor in a legal matter.

This bill adds a homeless child or homeless youth to the definition of "emancipated minor" for purposes of proving the supervised driving experience required to obtain an intermediate driver's license, and exempts emancipated minors from intermediate driver's license fees.

The bill specifies that no fee will be required or collected from a homeless child, homeless youth, or unaccompanied youth to obtain his or her first nondriver identification card.

This bill is similar to HB 1775 (2024).