

HB 1516 -- DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Beginning January 1, 2024, this bill requires anyone who is 18 years of age or younger and has never held a U.S. or foreign driver's license to complete a driver's education program approved by the Highways and Transportation Commission. Methods for proving prior licensure in foreign countries and other states is specified in the bill. A process for certification of programs is specified in the bill and the Commission may contract with public and private institutions to provide the program free of charge to applicants.

The "Driver's Education Training Fund" is created for the purpose of funding such education contracts. Fees for the Fund are specified in the bill and the bill is subject to the passage of a Constitutional amendment authorizing a specified \$1 licensing fee for motor vehicles, trailers, issuance and renewal of driver's licenses, watercraft, and outboard motors.

This bill has a contingent effective date for specified provisions.

The bill will sunset six years after the effective date.

This bill is the same as HB 190 (2021).