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A BILL

To enact section 4508.041 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize an eligible adult to act in lieu of a 2  
driver training instructor while using an 3  
authorized electronic device or application. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4508.041 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4508.041.** (A) As used in this section, "eligible 7  
adult" has the same meaning as in section 4507.21 of the Revised 8  
Code. 9

(B) Notwithstanding section 4508.04 of the Revised Code, 10  
an eligible adult may act in lieu of a driver training 11  
instructor for the eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel 12  
instruction required to complete a student's driver education 13  
course, provided all of the following apply: 14

(1) The eligible adult is assisted by an electronic device 15  
or application that is programmed to offer mobile and in-vehicle 16  
instruction to the student driver. 17

(2) The eligible adult is in the vehicle with the student driver at all times during the active instruction provided by the electronic device or application. 18  
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(3) The student driver has completed the twenty-four hours of classroom instruction. 21  
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(4) The electronic device or application is programmed to comply with the department of public safety's driver training curriculum and has been approved by the director of public safety to be used in lieu of a driver training instructor for behind-the-wheel instruction. The director shall not unreasonably withhold approval of an electronic device or application if that device meets the requirements set forth in rules adopted under division (D)(1) of this section. 23  
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(C) An eligible adult may use an electronic device or application that is programmed to offer mobile and in-vehicle instruction to the student driver to assist in supervising the fifty hours of actual driving experience required by division (B)(2) of section 4507.21 of the Revised Code. 31  
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(D)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing any procedures and requirements necessary to implement this section. 36  
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(2) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained in a rule adopted under this section is not subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code. 39  
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(E) An eligible adult acting in lieu of a driver training instructor in accordance with this section and the rules adopted by the director is exempt from the driver training instructor licensure requirements of this chapter. 43  
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