

HOUSE BILL 1325

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to driver education in Title I schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The office of research and education accountability (OREA), in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, shall study, in collaboration with the department of education, the Tennessee student assistance corporation, the department of labor and workforce development, and the department of human services:

- (1) The number of Title I public high schools that offer driver education courses to students, and of that number, the average cost to each Title I public high school of providing a driver education course to students;
- (2) The affordability of driver education provided by private companies;
- (3) The benefits of students receiving driver education courses in high school, including safety benefits and any insurance savings;
- (4) The effectiveness of driver education in reducing auto accidents involving teen drivers and in reducing teen motor vehicle fatalities;
- (5) The possibility of using a dual enrollment grant to cover all or a portion of the cost of a driver education class for students in Title I public high schools, if community colleges were to offer driver education; and
- (6) Sources of funding to provide driver education to students in Title I public high schools at low or no cost.

(b) By January 15, 2022, OREA shall report the findings and conclusions of the study to the education committee of the senate and the education administration committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.