

SENATE BILL No. 115

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-27-6.

Synopsis: Driver instructions of law enforcement procedures. Requires the driver education advisory board to consult with the commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles (commissioner) and the state police department, and advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) regarding driver education in: (1) the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop; and (2) the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer. Requires the bureau to include in any driver education manual published by the bureau the following: (1) A description of the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop. (2) An explanation of the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer. Provides that driver education curriculum must include instruction about actions to take during a traffic stop and the appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-27-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2013,
2 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "advisory board"
4 refers to the driver education advisory board established by subsection
5 (b).
6 (b) The driver education advisory board is established to advise the
7 commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission
8 and the bureau regarding driver education.
9 (c) The advisory board is composed of seven (7) individuals
10 appointed by the commissioner as follows:
11 (1) Three (3) members must be driver education professionals
12 endorsed by the bureau under section 8 of this chapter. In the
13 selection of individuals for membership under this subdivision,
14 consideration must be given to driver education instruction
15 performed in urban and rural areas.
16 (2) One (1) member must be a traffic safety advocate.
17 (3) One (1) member must be a representative of the bureau.



(4) One (1) member must be a representative of higher education.

(5) One (1) member must be a representative of the insurance industry.

(d) A member of the advisory board serves a two (2) year term. A member may not be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Each member serves until the member's successor is appointed and qualified.

(e) A member of the advisory board may be removed for good cause.

(f) A vacancy on the advisory board shall be filled by the appointment by the commissioner of an individual to fill the position to which the vacating member was appointed under subsection (c) for the vacating member's unexpired term.

(g) The advisory board shall:

(1) consult with and advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau regarding driver education; ~~and~~

(2) suggest rules regarding the education and training of persons to operate or drive motor vehicles or to prepare a person for an examination or validation for a driver's license; ~~and~~

(3) consult with the commissioner and the state police department, and advise the commissioner in the administration of the policies of the commission and the bureau regarding driver education in:

(A) the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop; and

(B) the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer.

(h) A member of the advisory board is not subject to liability in a civil action for bodily injury or property damage arising from or thought to have arisen from an action taken in good faith as a member of the advisory board.

SECTION 2. IC 9-27-6-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10.5. The bureau shall include in any driver education manual published by the bureau the following:**

(1) A description of the procedures of a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop.

(2) An explanation of the actions a person should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer.



SECTION 3. IC 9-27-6-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2015, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. In addition to adopting rules under sections 6(b), 8(b), and 9(b) of this chapter, the bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the following:

(1) Methods and procedures for the investigation and evaluation of the qualifications of individuals applying for licenses under sections 6 and 8 of this chapter.

(2) The criteria upon which to issue, deny, suspend, renew, and revoke licenses under section 10 of this chapter, including requirements for continuing education for instructors.

(3) Procedures for:

(A) the investigation into potential grounds for; and

(B) conduct of hearings on;

the issuance, renewal, cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a license.

(4) Standards for classroom and in-car driver education curriculum (including classroom instruction, Internet instruction, and practice driving) and equipment. Classroom instruction standards established under this subdivision must provide for instruction about:

(A) railroad-highway grade crossing safety; ~~and~~

(B) the procedure for participation in the human organ donor program;

(C) actions to take during a traffic stop; and

(D) appropriate interaction with a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop;

and must limit classroom instruction to students at least fifteen (15) years of age.

(5) Limitations on the number of:

(A) hours an instructor may teach in a day; and

(B) classroom and driving hours in which a driver education student may participate during a day.

(6) Programs to improve parental involvement in driver education.

(7) Establishment and maintenance of standards for instructors of driver education, including:

(A) secondary school driver education instructors;

(B) driver training school instructors; and

(C) higher education driver education instructors.

(8) Minimum hours of instruction for an approved driver education course that include:



- 1 (A) thirty (30) hours of classroom or online training; and
- 2 (B) six (6) hours of behind-the-wheel training.

