

SENATE BILL No. 886

March 6, 2018, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled
"Driver education provider and instructor act,"
by amending section 23 (MCL 256.643).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 23. (1) A college or university or a person approved by
2 the secretary of state may present a driver education instructor
3 preparation program. A college, university, or person shall not
4 offer to engage or engage in the activity of presenting a driver
5 education instructor preparation program without the prior approval
6 of the secretary of state.

7 (2) A college, university, or person may apply to the
8 secretary of state for approval to conduct a driver education
9 instructor preparation program. A college, university, or person

1 seeking approval shall present satisfactory evidence to the
2 secretary of state as prescribed by the secretary of state that the
3 college's, university's, or person's proposed program meets the
4 requirements of this section.

5 (3) The secretary of state shall review and approve a driver
6 education instructor preparation program that meets the
7 requirements of this section. The secretary of state shall give the
8 college, university, or person requesting approval a written notice
9 of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including the
10 reason for any denial.

11 (4) The secretary of state shall prepare a driver education
12 instructor preparation program guide as a model for how to conduct
13 a driver education instructor preparation program. The model
14 program guide shall identify the content of each course identified
15 in subsection (7).

16 (5) Beginning September 1, 2007, a driver education instructor
17 preparation program shall consist of not less than 4 driver
18 education preparation courses.

19 (6) A college, university, or person seeking approval of a
20 driver education instructor preparation course shall present
21 evidence satisfactory to the secretary of state that the proposed
22 course meets the requirements of this section. The secretary of
23 state shall review a driver education instructor preparation course
24 and determine whether that course meets the requirements of this
25 act. The secretary of state shall prescribe the administration and
26 curriculum of a driver education instructor preparation course. The
27 secretary of state shall give the college, university, or person

requesting approval written notice of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including the reason for any denial.

(7) A driver education instructor preparation program shall consist of not less than 4 driver education instructor preparation courses. **THE 3 COURSES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISIONS (A) THROUGH (C) MAY BE OFFERED ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUSLY, AND THE PRACTICUM DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (D) MAY BE OFFERED SYNCHRONOUSLY.** The 4 required courses shall each concentrate on only 1 of the following concepts, and all of the following concepts shall be covered in the minimum 4 courses required:

(a) Driver task analysis.

(b) Developing classroom and program knowledge. **THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TEACHER WHO HOLDS A VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 TO 380.1852, IF THAT TEACHER IS ABLE TO TEST OUT OF THE COURSE AS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

(c) Developing vehicle operation skills.

(d) Practicum.

(8) A driver education instructor preparation course **MAY DELIVER CONTENT IN EITHER A CLASSROOM OR AN ONLINE FORMAT, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, AS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND** shall consist of not less than ~~2 semester~~ **30 CONTACT** hours per course ~~or the equivalent of not less than 2 semester hours per course as approved~~ **REQUIRED** by the secretary of state **IN THE MODEL CURRICULUM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4).** A driver education instructor preparation course shall extend for not less than ~~3 weeks~~ **1 WEEK.**

1 (9) An instructor who teaches a driver education instructor
2 preparation course shall meet the following requirements:

3 (a) Have a ~~master's~~**BACHELOR'S** degree in education from an
4 accredited college or university **OR 4 YEARS IN CLASSROOM DRIVER**
5 **EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THIS STATE, AS VERIFIED BY THE**
6 **SECRETARY OF STATE.**

7 (b) Hold a valid driver education instructor certificate
8 issued by the secretary of state.

9 (c) Any other requirement the secretary of state determines is
10 necessary to determine instructor qualifications.

11 (10) A college, university, or person approved by the
12 secretary of state that offers a driver education instructor
13 preparation course shall include in the course registration
14 material information explaining the driver education instructor
15 qualifications required under this act.

16 (11) The secretary of state shall review each driver education
17 instructor preparation program approved under this section at least
18 once every 3 years.

19 (12) A driver education preparation course credit earned
20 through a college, university, or another entity in another state
21 may be accepted on the same basis as the equivalent credit earned
22 through a driver education instructor preparation program conducted
23 by a college or university or by a person approved by the secretary
24 of state, if approved by the secretary of state. A person seeking
25 approval of a driver education course credit earned in another
26 state shall present satisfactory evidence to the secretary of state
27 that the other state's course substantially meets the requirements

1 of this state. The secretary of state shall review a driver
2 education preparation course credit earned in another state and
3 determine whether that course content meets the requirements of
4 this act. The secretary of state shall give the person a written
5 notice of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including
6 the reason for any denial.

7 (13) This section does not apply to an applicant for a driver
8 education instructor certificate that is limited to the truck
9 driver training classification.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
11 after the date it is enacted into law.