

SENATE BILL NO. 356

June 05, 2025, Introduced by Senator ALBERT and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled
"Driver education provider and instructor act,"
by amending section 23 (MCL 256.643), as amended by 2022 PA 192.

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.

1 (2) A college, university, or person may apply to the
2 secretary of state for approval to conduct a driver education
3 instructor preparation program. A college, university, or person
4 seeking approval shall present satisfactory evidence to the
5 secretary of state as prescribed by the secretary of state that the
6 college's, university's, or person's proposed program meets the
7 requirements of this section.

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

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

19 (5) ~~Beginning September 1, 2007, a~~ **A** driver education
20 instructor preparation program must consist of not less than 4
21 driver education preparation courses.

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

1 secretary of state shall give the college, university, or person
2 requesting approval written notice of the secretary of state's
3 approval or denial, including the reason for any denial.

4 (7) A driver education instructor preparation program must
5 consist of not less than 4 driver education instructor preparation
6 courses. The 4 required courses must each concentrate on only 1 of
7 the following concepts, and all of the following concepts must be
8 covered in the minimum 4 courses required:

9 (a) Driver task analysis.

10 (b) Developing classroom and program knowledge.

11 (c) Developing vehicle operation skills.

12 (d) Practicum.

13 (8) A driver education instructor preparation course must
14 consist of not less than 2 semester hours per course or the
15 equivalent of not less than 2 semester hours per course as approved
16 by the secretary of state. A driver education instructor
17 preparation course must extend for not less than 3 weeks.

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

20 (a) Have a master's degree in education from an accredited
21 college or university **or meet all of the following requirements:**

22 **(i) Have conducted 1,500 hours or more of classroom**
23 **instruction.**

24 **(ii) Have conducted 500 hours or more of behind-the-wheel**
25 **instruction.**

26 **(iii) Have held a valid driver education instructor certificate**
27 **for 3.5 years or longer.**

28 (b) Hold a valid driver education instructor certificate.
29 ~~issued by the secretary of state.~~

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

3 (10) A college, university, or person approved by the
4 secretary of state that offers a driver education instructor
5 preparation course shall include in the course registration
6 material information ~~explaining that~~ **explains** the driver education
7 instructor qualifications required under this act.

8 (11) The secretary of state shall review each driver education
9 instructor preparation program approved under this section at least
10 ~~once~~ **1 time** every 3 years.

11 (12) A driver education preparation course credit earned
12 through a college, university, or another entity in another state
13 may be accepted on the same basis as the equivalent credit earned
14 through a driver education instructor preparation program conducted
15 by a college or university or by a person approved by the secretary
16 of state, if approved by the secretary of state. A person seeking
17 approval of a driver education course credit earned in another
18 state shall present satisfactory evidence to the secretary of state
19 that the other state's course substantially meets the requirements
20 of this state. The secretary of state shall review a driver
21 education preparation course credit earned in another state and
22 determine whether that course content meets the requirements of
23 this act. The secretary of state shall give the person a written
24 notice of the secretary of state's approval or denial, including
25 the reason for any denial.

26 (13) This section does not apply to an applicant for a driver
27 education instructor certificate that is limited to the commercial
28 vehicle driver training classification.