

SENATE FILE NO. SF0029

Driver education course certification.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to driver education; requiring the
2 department of education to establish standards for driver
3 education courses, as specified; providing for a state
4 coordinator of driver education with duties as specified;
5 requiring coordinator approval of driver education programs
6 in public, private or commercial schools as specified;
7 granting rulemaking authority; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-501 by creating new subsections
13 (e) through (g) is amended to read:

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15 **21-3-501. Driver's education programs.**

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1 (e) The department of education in consultation with
2 the department of transportation shall provide by rule and
3 regulation standards for driver education programs in high
4 schools, private schools as defined in W.S.
5 21-4-101(a)(iii), community colleges, community education
6 programs and commercial drivers' education schools. The
7 department of transportation in consultation with the
8 department of education shall adopt procedures by rule and
9 regulation to implement the provisions of W.S. 31-7-108(a).

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11 (f) The department shall designate or employ a state
12 coordinator of driver education programs to provide
13 oversight of all driver education programs throughout the
14 state. The responsibilities of the coordinator shall
15 include, but not be limited to:

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17 (i) Assuring quality driver education programs
18 in this state;

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20 (ii) Serving as a liaison between the department
21 of education and the department of transportation;

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23 (iii) Promoting driver safety throughout the
24 state; and

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(iv) Reviewing and approving driver education programs in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the departments of education and transportation.

(g) No driver education program identified in subsection (e) of this section shall issue a certificate for purposes of W.S. 31-7-108(a) unless the school's program has first been reviewed and issued a certificate of approval by the state coordinator of driver education. Certificates of approval shall be issued only upon written application of the school, and shall be issued for such periods and in such manner as provided in rules and regulations of the department of education.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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