

HB5284



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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by Rep. Roger L. Eddy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-23

from Ch. 122, par. 27-23

Amends the School Code. In a provision concerning driver education, provides that the maximum amount that a school district may charge students who participate is \$250, rather than \$50. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-23 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-23)

7 Sec. 27-23. Motor Vehicle Code. The curriculum in all
8 public schools shall include a course dealing with the content
9 of Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Illinois Vehicle
10 Code, the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to those
11 Chapters insofar as they pertain to the operation of motor
12 vehicles, and the portions of the Litter Control Act relating
13 to the operation of motor vehicles. Instruction shall be given
14 in safety education in each grade, 1 through 8, equivalent to 1
15 class period each week, and in at least 1 of the years in
16 grades 10 through 12. The course of instruction required of
17 each eligible student at the high school level shall consist of
18 a minimum of 30 clock hours of classroom instruction taught by
19 a certified high school teacher who has acquired special
20 qualifications as required for participation under the terms of
21 Section 27-24.2 of this Act. Each school district maintaining
22 grades 9 through 12: (i) shall provide the classroom course for
23 each public and non-public high school student resident of the

1 school district who either has received a passing grade in at
2 least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters or has received
3 a waiver of that requirement from the local superintendent of
4 schools (with respect to a public high school student) or chief
5 school administrator (with respect to a non-public high school
6 student), as provided in Section 27-24.2, and for each
7 out-of-school resident of the district between the age of 15
8 and 21 years who requests the classroom course, and (ii) may
9 provide such classroom course for any resident of the district
10 over age 55 who requests the classroom course, but only if
11 space therein remains available after all eligible public and
12 non-public high school student residents and out-of-school
13 residents between the age of 15 and 21 who request such course
14 have registered therefor, and only if such resident of the
15 district over age 55 has not previously been licensed as a
16 driver under the laws of this or any other state or country.
17 Each school district (i) shall provide an approved course in
18 practice driving consisting of a minimum of 6 clock hours of
19 individual behind-the-wheel instruction or its equivalent in a
20 car, as determined by the State Board of Education, for each
21 eligible resident of the district between the age of 15 and 21
22 years who has started an approved high school classroom driver
23 education course on request, and (ii) may provide such approved
24 course in practice driving for any resident of the district
25 over age 55 on request and without regard to whether or not
26 such resident has started any high school classroom driver

1 education course, but only if space therein remains available
2 after all eligible residents of the district between the ages
3 of 15 and 21 years who have started an approved classroom
4 driver education course and who request such course in practice
5 driving have registered therefor, and only if such resident of
6 the district over age 55 has not previously been licensed as a
7 driver under the laws of this or any other state or country.
8 Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board of
9 Education, the district may charge a reasonable fee, not to
10 exceed \$250 ~~\$50~~, to students who participate in the course,
11 unless a student is unable to pay for such a course, in which
12 event the fee for such a student shall be waived. The total
13 amount from driver education fees and reimbursement from the
14 State for driver education must not exceed the total cost of
15 the driver education program in any year and must be deposited
16 into the school district's driver education fund as a separate
17 line item budget entry. All moneys deposited into the school
18 district's driver education fund must be used solely for the
19 funding of a high school driver education program approved by
20 the State Board of Education that uses instructors certified by
21 the State Board of Education. If a district provides the
22 classroom or practice driving course or both of such courses to
23 any residents of the district over age 55, the district may
24 charge such residents a fee in any amount up to but not
25 exceeding the actual cost of the course or courses in which
26 such residents participate. The course of instruction given in

1 grades 10 through 12 shall include an emphasis on the
2 development of knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills
3 necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles including
4 motorcycles insofar as they can be taught in the classroom, and
5 in addition the course shall include instruction on special
6 hazards existing at, and required extra safety and driving
7 precautions that must be observed at, emergency situations,
8 highway construction and maintenance zones, and railroad
9 crossings and the approaches thereto.

10 (Source: P.A. 94-426, eff. 1-1-06.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.