

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****HB2980**

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Cycle Rider Safety Training Act. Removes motor driven cycle and moped from the definition of "cycle". Defines "Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Provider" and "Provider" as a for-profit or nonprofit business, community agency, community organization, community college, or State university that is capable of providing courses. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall put out notices to the public seeking Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Providers to provide courses in the State, and that such courses shall be open to all residents of the State who hold a currently valid driver's license and who have reached their 16th birthday before the first day of the course to be held. Allows providers to charge a nominal registration fee set by the Department. Provides that responses from potential providers shall include the location where classes are to be held at, the number of students they intend to train, whether they would be providing motorcycles or using motorcycles owned by the Department, and the cost for courses provided on a per student basis. Provides that contracts shall be awarded by the Department to providers based on training needs and cost effectiveness of each bid or proposal. Provides that a provider shall only be paid grant funds under one of the following conditions: a course was held; expenses submitted related to the maintenance of department owned equipment; or submitting other non-personnel expenses. Provides that a provider awarded a contract with grant funding shall: submit proof that each instructor employed by the provider meets the qualifications to teach the curriculum for the courses; have at least one employee on staff certified to do quality assurance or quality control visits where instructors are evaluated per curriculum standards on teaching; perform at least one quality assurance or quality control visit on each instructor employed during the year and submit the results of those visits to the Department; maintain appropriate liability insurance to cover training activities; submit requests for payment in a timely manner; and adhere to additional program rules and regulations. Prohibits a provider awarded a contract with grant funding from adopting any policy, requirement, or expectation regarding employee's manner of dress outside of the employee's scheduled work hours. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2026.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Cycle Rider Safety Training Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 2.01, 2.03, 4, and 7 and by adding Section
6 2.03a as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 35/2.01) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 802.01)

8 Sec. 2.01. "Cycle" means a motorcycle, ~~motor driven cycle~~
9 ~~or moped,~~ as defined in The Illinois Vehicle Code.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-554, eff. 1-1-10.)

11 (625 ILCS 35/2.03) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 802.03)

12 Sec. 2.03. "Cycle Rider Safety Training Courses" and
13 "Courses" mean courses of instruction in the use and operation
14 of cycles, including instruction in the safe on-road operation
15 of cycles, the rules of the road and the laws of this State
16 relating to motor vehicles, which courses meet the minimum
17 requirements of this Act, the standards established in the
18 model national administrative standards for state motorcycle
19 rider training programs by the National Highway Traffic Safety
20 Administration, and the rules and regulations issued hereunder
21 by the Department ~~and which have been approved by the~~
22 ~~Department as meeting such requirements.~~

(Source: P.A. 82-649.)

(625 ILCS 35/2.03a new)

Sec. 2.03a. Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Provider.
"Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Provider" and "Provider"
means a for-profit or nonprofit business, community agency,
community organization, community college, or State university
that is capable of providing courses meeting the definition in
this Act in accordance with the rules set forth by the
Department and the regulations of this Act.

(625 ILCS 35/4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 804)

Sec. 4. (a) The Department shall, on an as needed basis,
put out notices to the public seeking Cycle Rider Safety
Training Course Providers to provide courses in this State.
Such courses shall be open to all residents of the State who
hold a currently valid driver's license and who have reached
their 16th birthday before the first day of the course to be
held. Such courses may be offered throughout the calendar
year.

Providers may charge a nominal registration fee set by the
Department, which shall be refunded upon completion of the
course.

Responses from potential providers shall include, at a
minimum, the location where classes are to be held at, the
number of students they intend to train, whether they would be

1 providing motorcycles or using motorcycles owned by the
2 Department, and the cost for courses provided on a per student
3 basis.

4 Contracts shall be awarded by the Department to providers
5 based on training needs and cost effectiveness of each bid or
6 proposal.

7 (b) A provider shall only be paid grant funds under one of
8 the following conditions:

9 (1) a course was held, in which case the provider
10 shall be paid per student rate multiplied by the number of
11 students present on the first day of the course;

12 (2) expenses submitted related to the maintenance of
13 department owned equipment; or

14 (3) submitting other non-personnel expenses as deemed
15 appropriate by the Department.

16 (c) A provider awarded a contract with grant funding under
17 this Act shall:

18 (1) submit proof to the Department that each
19 instructor employed by the provider meets the
20 qualifications to teach the curriculum for the courses;

21 (2) have at least one employee on staff certified to
22 do quality assurance or quality control visits where
23 instructors are evaluated per curriculum standards on
24 teaching;

25 (3) perform at least one quality assurance or quality
26 control visit on each instructor employed during the year

1 and submit the results of those visits to the Department;

2 (4) maintain appropriate liability insurance to cover
3 training activities;

4 (5) submit requests for payment in a timely manner;
5 and

6 (6) adhere to additional program rules and regulations
7 as determined by the Department.

8 (d) A provider awarded a contract with grant funding under
9 this Act shall not adopt any policy, requirement, or
10 expectation regarding employee's manner of dress outside of
11 the employee's scheduled work hours, nor may the provider pose
12 any questions regarding such on job applications or during
13 interviews with potential employees.

14 ~~Any State or community college, State university or community~~
15 ~~agency designated by the Department may organize a Regional~~
16 ~~Cycle Rider Safety Training Center and may offer cycle rider~~
17 ~~safety training courses through such Training Centers which it~~
18 ~~operates. The curriculum and accreditation for the courses,~~
19 ~~and the geographic areas in which each Training Center may~~
20 ~~offer the courses, shall be provided for by rules and~~
21 ~~regulations of the Department. Instructors of such courses~~
22 ~~shall meet the qualification and certification requirements of~~
23 ~~the regulations of the Department and the college, university~~
24 ~~or community agency offering the program and may be employed~~
25 ~~on a calendar year rather than a school year basis. Such~~
26 ~~courses shall be open to all residents of the State who hold a~~

1 ~~currently valid driver's license and who have reached their~~
2 ~~16th birthday without regard to whether such person is~~
3 ~~enrolled in any other course offered by said State or~~
4 ~~community college, State university or community agency. Such~~
5 ~~courses may be offered throughout the calendar year. The~~
6 ~~courses may be offered as credit or noncredit courses, but no~~
7 ~~fee shall be charged except for a nominal registration fee~~
8 ~~which shall be refunded upon completion of the course.~~

9 (Source: P.A. 86-1005.)

10 (625 ILCS 35/7) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 807)

11 Sec. 7. The Department is authorized to and shall award
12 contracts out of appropriations to the Department from "The
13 Cycle Rider Safety Training Fund" to qualifying providers
14 ~~Regional Cycle Rider Safety Training Centers~~ for the conduct
15 of approved Cycle Rider Safety Training courses.

16 (Source: P.A. 82-649.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
18 1, 2026.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 625 ILCS 35/2.01 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 802.01

4 625 ILCS 35/2.03 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 802.03

5 625 ILCS 35/2.03a new

6 625 ILCS 35/4 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 804

7 625 ILCS 35/7 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 807