

1 AN ACT relating to 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
5 Section 27-24.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2)

7 Sec. 27-24.2. Driver education course. Any school
8 district which maintains grades 9 through 12 shall offer a
9 driver education course in any such school which it operates.
10 Both the classroom instruction part and the practice driving
11 part of such driver education course shall be open to a
12 resident or non-resident pupil attending a non-public school
13 in the district wherein the course is offered and to each
14 resident of the district who acquires or holds a currently
15 valid driver's license during the term of the course and who
16 is at least 15 but has not reached 21 years of age, without
17 regard to whether any such person is enrolled in any other
18 course offered in any school that the district operates. Each
19 student attending any public or non-public high school in the
20 district must receive a passing grade in at least 8 courses
21 during the previous 2 semesters prior to enrolling in a
22 driver education course, or the student shall not be
23 permitted to enroll in the course; provided that the local
24 superintendent of schools (with respect to a student
25 attending a public high school in the district) or chief
26 school administrator (with respect to a student attending a
27 non-public high school in the district) may waive the
28 requirement if the superintendent or chief school
29 administrator, as the case may be, deems it to be in the best
30 interest of the student. Any school district required to
31 offer a driver education course or courses as provided in

1 this Section also is authorized to offer either the classroom
2 instruction part or the practice driving part or both such
3 parts of a driver education course to any resident of the
4 district who is over age 55; provided that any such school
5 district which elects to offer either or both parts of such
6 course to such residents shall be entitled to make either or
7 both parts of such course available to such residents at any
8 attendance center or centers within the district designated
9 by the school board; and provided further that no part of any
10 such driver education course shall be offered to any resident
11 of the district over age 55 unless space therein remains
12 available after all persons to whom such part of the driver
13 education course is required to be open as provided in this
14 Section and who have requested such course have registered
15 therefor, and unless such resident of the district over age
16 55 is a person who has not previously been licensed as a
17 driver under the laws of this or any other state or country.
18 However, a student may be allowed to commence the classroom
19 instruction part of such driver education course prior to
20 reaching age 15 if such student then will be eligible to
21 complete the entire course within 12 months after being
22 allowed to commence such classroom instruction.

23 A driver education course must provide at least 30
24 minutes of classroom instruction relating to organ, tissue,
25 and blood donation and organ, tissue, and blood donation
26 procedures. No student shall be required to participate in
27 this instruction if his or her parent or guardian files
28 written objection thereto on constitutional grounds, and
29 refusal to participate in this instruction on those grounds
30 shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of a student
31 or result in any academic penalty.

32 Such a driver education course may include classroom
33 instruction on the safety rules and operation of motorcycles
34 or motor driven cycles.

1 Such a course may be commenced immediately after the
2 completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall
3 meet the certification requirements of this Act and
4 regulations of the State Board as to qualifications.

5 (Source: P.A. 88-188.)

6 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
7 Section 8.27 as follows:

8 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

9 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
10 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
11 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
12 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.