

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.