



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB1359**

Introduced 02/09/05, by Rep. Kevin A. McCarthy

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/27-24.2

from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2

Amends the Driver Education Act of the School Code. Allows (instead of requires) a school district that maintains grades 9 through 12 to offer driver education.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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

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

21 Such a driver education course may include classroom  
22 instruction on the safety rules and operation of motorcycles or  
23 motor driven cycles.

24 Such a course may be commenced immediately after the  
25 completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall  
26 meet the certification requirements of this Act and regulations  
27 of the State Board as to qualifications.

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