

CHAPTER 716

H.B. No. 3483

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requirements for a driver education course, the  
3 eligibility of persons under 18 years of age to operate a motor  
4 vehicle, and the administration of certain driver's license  
5 examinations by home-taught driver education course providers.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Section 1001.101, Education Code, as amended by  
8 Chapters 1253 (H.B. 339) and 1413 (S.B. 1317), Acts of the 81st  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 1001.101. ADULT AND MINOR DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE  
12 CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS. (a) The commissioner by rule shall  
13 establish or approve the curriculum and designate the textbooks to  
14 be used in a driver education course for minors and adults,  
15 including a driver education course conducted by a school district,  
16 driver education school, or parent or other individual under  
17 Section 521.205, Transportation Code.

18 (b) A driver education course must require the student to  
19 complete:

20 (1) 7 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in the  
21 presence of a person who holds a driver education instructor  
22 license or who meets the requirements imposed under Section  
23 521.205, Transportation Code;

24 (2) 7 hours of observation instruction in the presence

1 of a person who holds a driver education instructor license or who  
2 meets the requirements imposed under Section 521.205,  
3 Transportation Code; and

4 (3) 30 [~~20~~] hours of behind-the-wheel instruction,  
5 including at least 10 hours of instruction that takes place at  
6 night, in the presence of an adult who meets the requirements of  
7 Section 521.222(d)(2), Transportation Code.

8 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 521.1655, Transportation  
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 521.1655. TESTING BY DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOL AND  
11 CERTAIN DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDERS.

12 SECTION 3. Section 521.1655, Transportation Code, is  
13 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

14 (a-1) A driver education course provider approved under  
15 Section 521.205 may administer to a student of that course the  
16 highway sign and traffic law parts of the examination required by  
17 Section 521.161.

18 SECTION 4. Section 521.205(c), Transportation Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (c) The rules must provide a method by which:

21 (1) approval of a course is obtained;

22 (2) an applicant submits proof of completion of the  
23 course; [~~and~~]

24 (3) approval for delivering course materials by an  
25 alternative method, including electronic means, is obtained;

26 (4) a provider of a course approved under this section  
27 may administer to an applicant the highway sign and traffic law

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3483 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3483 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3483 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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