



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b>					
Traffic violations resulting in harm to vulnerable highway users, driver education instruction, and providing a penalty					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must approve driver education courses offered by school districts, county children with disabilities education boards, and technical college districts. DPI must also establish minimum standards for driver education courses offered by private driver schools. Under current law, the Technical College System Board (TCSB) must approve courses of study for each program offered in technical college district schools, including driver education courses. DOT licenses private driver schools and DOT may not license a driver school unless its course of instruction includes the content required for TCSB approval of a driver education course.

Under this bill, all approved driver education courses must acquaint each student with the hazards posed by motor vehicles to vulnerable highway users and provide at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with these hazards. Vulnerable highway users are defined as:

- A pedestrian;
- A bicyclist;
- An operator of a moped or motor bicycle;
- An operator of, or passenger on, an animal-drawn vehicle, farm tractor, farm truck tractor, farm trailer, or implement of husbandry;
- A person riding upon in-line skates, a horse, or a play vehicle;
- A law enforcement officer, traffic officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical technician, while performing his or her official duties; or
- A person who is rendering medical or emergency assistance to another person.

Local: The cost of changing a school district's, a county children with disabilities education board's, or a technical college district's curriculum to provide instruction on dealing with vulnerable highway users is indeterminate. It is unknown how many do not already incorporate instruction in this subject area and would have to change their curriculum. The local fiscal effect will vary from local unit to local unit and is indeterminate.

State: The department's driver education consultant may be asked to provide instructional assistance to local school districts to help them comply with the law. In addition, the department may send a bulletin to school districts informing them of the change in the law. The cost of performing these tasks is indeterminate and could be absorbed by the department.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications