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*Final Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **H.B. 160**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

**Reps.** Logan, Stapleton, Padgett, Opfer, Jones, Terwilleger, James, Wilson, Corbin, Bender, Metzger, Ogg, Hartnett, Barrett, Householder, Harris, Distel, Ford, Vesper, Perz

**Sens.** Gardner, Johnson, Mumper, Herington, Spada

**Effective date:** \*

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### **ACT SUMMARY**

- Removes the \$50 cap on fees that school districts may charge students for driver education.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **The act**

(sec. 3301.171)

The act eliminates the \$50 cap on fees that school district boards of education may charge students enrolled in driver education. Districts still will be limited to charging only the difference between their actual per pupil cost of driver education and any per pupil subsidy they receive from the state for driver education (see **COMMENT**). But if that difference exceeds \$50, they may charge up to the full amount of the difference.

#### **Background: state driver education requirements**

Ohioans who are 16 or 17 years old may apply for a probationary drivers license. To receive one, they must, among other things, successfully complete a driver education course approved by the Department of Education or the Department of Public Safety, or a comparable course conducted by a branch of the

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\* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared.*

U.S. armed forces.<sup>1</sup> To be approved by either Ohio department, a driver education course must feature 24 hours of classroom instruction and eight hours of behind-the-wheel instruction on public roads and comply with other rules.<sup>2</sup>

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## COMMENT

After the 1998-1999 school year, there is no state subsidy to school districts for driver education.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	02-09-99	p. 173
Reported, H. Education	03-17-99	p. 319
Passed House (92-5)	04-13-99	pp. 394-395
Reported, S. Education	05-12-99	pp. 420-421
Passed Senate (32-1)	06-23-99	pp. 663-664

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<sup>1</sup> Revised Code 4507.21(B)(1), not in the act.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3301.07(E) and 4508.02(B), not in the act.