



**H.B. 160**

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(As Reported by S. Education)

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

**Sen. Gardner**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

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

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**The bill**

(sec. 3301.171)

The bill eliminates the \$50 cap on fees that school district boards of education may charge students enrolled in driver education. Districts still would be limited to charging only the difference between their actual per pupil cost of driver education and the per pupil subsidy they receive from the state for driver education (see **COMMENT**). But if that difference exceeded \$50, they could 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 U.S. armed forces.<sup>1</sup> To be approved by either Ohio department, a driver education

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

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

Currently, the Department of Education must pay a school district or commercial driver training school \$50 for every public or nonpublic high school student who completes an approved driver education course.<sup>3</sup> Am. Sub. H.B. 282, the biennial education budget currently in the Senate Finance Committee removes the state subsidy for the next two years.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	02-09-99	p. 173
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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3301.07(E) and 4508.02(B), not in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3301.17 and 3317.024(I), not in the bill.