



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Transfers jurisdiction over driver education courses conducted by school districts and educational service centers (ESCs) from the Department of Education to the Department of Public Safety.

Requires driver education courses conducted by districts and ESCs to meet the same standards as private driver training schools after December 31, 2003.

Prohibits awarding course credit for driver education courses conducted by districts and ESCs after December 31, 2003.

Eliminates the requirement in the House version of the bill that 30 minutes of classroom time in every driver training course be devoted to instruction in anatomical gifts and anatomical gift procedures and replaces it with a requirement that all driver training courses include dissemination of information through electronic means (such as videos, CD-ROMs, or DVDs) *or* a presentation and discussion regarding anatomical gifts and anatomical gift procedures.

Requires the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee to approve any brochures, written materials, and electronic media furnished to driver training schools to provide information to students about anatomical gifts and gift procedures.

Requires a driver training school that receives any approved written materials at no cost to distribute them to students and further requires any school that receives one or more approved electronic media at no cost to show one to the students if it is no more than 20 minutes long and the school has the necessary viewing equipment.

Prohibits the use of brochures, written materials, electronic media, or presentations containing religious content about anatomical gifts in driver education courses conducted by districts and ESCs.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

Permits students to opt out of instruction on anatomical gifts and anatomical gift procedures if such instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian.

Transfers \$50,000 from the Department of Education to the Department of Public Safety (ODPS) in fiscal year 2003 to fund ODPS's new oversight responsibilities under the bill.

Prohibits the reporting of a student's name, address, and social security number to the Department of Education through the Education Management Information System (EMIS).

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