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Bill Number: SB1124 **Patron:** Boysko

Bill Title: Board of Education; driver education programs; computer-based driver education courses;

requirements.

Bill Summary: Requires the Board of Education to establish or approve and permits each school board that chooses to offer a program of driver education in the safe operation of motor vehicles pursuant to applicable law in order to provide, as an alternative to any classroom training portion, as that term is defined in the bill, of such program administered in person, a computer-based driver education course for any student who is enrolled in an online or virtual physical or health education program. The bill clarifies that the provision permitting any school board to provide to certain students a computer-based driver education course established or approved by the Board of Education as an alternative to any classroom training portion administered in person does not apply to the parent/student driver education component of the classroom training portion administered in Planning District 8 which, pursuant to applicable law, must be administered in person. The bill contains technical amendments.

Budget Amendment Necessary: indeterminate Items Impacted: 117

Explanation: If the Department of Education (DOE) establishes a computer-based driver education

course, DOE would require additional one-time funding. If the Board of Education approves an existing course for local use, there may be additional funding required. Any impact to

local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education (DOE) estimates that an additional \$140,000 general fund would be required one-time in FY26 to hire consultants to develop the course. If the Board of Education instead approves a computer-based driver education course for local use, there may be indeterminate costs to make that course available to all divisions.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

| Agency | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | FY2030 |
|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 201 (DOE) | \$0 | \$140,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
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| TOTAL | \$0 | \$140,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Analysis: This bill directs the Board of Education to establish or approve a computer-based driver education course. The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates that consultants and/or developers would have to be hired to develop the course. DOE estimates a total cost of \$140,000 general fund one time in FY26 to develop the course. This assumes of 700 hours of work for two consultants at a rate of \$100 per hour.

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There are limited division-based driver-education programs of which the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) had an agreement with DOE to review and approve. Currently, final approval for division- based programs is through DMV. Those programs could use their computer-based programs at no-cost, but other divisions would not have the same access. DOE could absorb any costs to approve an existing course, but there may be additional costs to make the course available to all divisions. Any actual cost is indeterminate.

Other: None.