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**Bill Number:** SB1124S1 **Patron:** Boysko

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

requirements.

**Bill Summary:** Directs that the classroom training required as a part of the standardized program of driver education established by the Board of Education may be administered in person or online. The bill clarifies that this 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:** The bill authorizes online administration of the required classroom training. 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 an online course. If the Board of Education approves an online 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:**

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	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 authorizes online administration of the required classroom training. The Department of Education (DOE) anticipates that if DOE were to establish an online course for use in all school divisions, 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.

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. Final approval for division-based programs is through

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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.