Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2213ER Patron: McQuinn

Bill Title: School boards; driver education; behind-the-wheel driver training.

Bill Summary: Strongly encourages each school board, in recognition of the fact that behind-the-wheel training is an essential school-to-work skill and a vital step in the pathway to obtaining a driver's license and cultivating well-educated teen drivers, to offer as part of its program of driver education behind-the-wheel training either during school hours or before or after school hours, including on weekends.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: 117

Explanation: This bill strongly encourages school divisions to increase offerings of behind-the-wheel, but

does not require; therefore no budget amendment is required. If this bill leads to a significant increase in driver education instructors, then the Department of Education would require funding for an additional staff to support monitoring of instructors. Any impact to

local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The Department of Education anticipates that if there is a significant increase in the number of driver education instructors, then 0.5 of an FTE at an estimated cost of \$88,545 general fund per year would be required. However, any actual impact on the volume of instructors and resulting DOE cost is indeterminate at this time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
201 (DOE)	\$0	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545
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TOTAL	\$0	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545	\$88,545

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
201 (DOE)	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
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TOTAL	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5

Fiscal Analysis: This bill strongly encourages school divisions to offer behind-the-wheel training as a part of its program of driver education, but does not require any action. Any impact to local school divisions to increase offerings of behind-the-wheel is indeterminate.

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The Department of Education (DOE) monitors teacher endorsements and driver records for all driver education instructors. If this bill leads to a significant increase in the number of instructors, then DOE would require additional support to keep up with this work. DOE estimates that an additional 0.5 FTE at an additional cost of \$88,545 general fund per year could be required. This is based on a salary of \$106,000 per year for 1.0 FTE, associated benefits, technology, and travel costs.

Other: None.