

As Introduced

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Senator Schaffer

A BILL

To enact section 4508.041 of the Revised Code to 1
authorize an eligible adult to act in lieu of a 2
driver training instructor while using an 3
authorized electronic device or application. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4508.041 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4508.041. (A) As used in this section, "eligible 7
adult" has the same meaning as in section 4507.21 of the Revised 8
Code. 9

(B) Notwithstanding section 4508.04 of the Revised Code, 10
an eligible adult may act in lieu of a driver training 11
instructor for the eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel 12
instruction required to complete a student's driver education 13
course, provided all of the following apply: 14

(1) The eligible adult is assisted by an electronic device 15
or application that is programmed to offer mobile and in-vehicle 16
instruction to the student driver. 17

(2) The eligible adult is in the vehicle with the student 18

driver at all times during the active instruction provided by 19
the electronic device or application. 20

(3) The student driver has completed the twenty-four hours 21
of classroom instruction. 22

(4) The electronic device or application is programmed to 23
comply with the department of public safety's driver training 24
curriculum and has been approved by the director of public 25
safety to be used in lieu of a driver training instructor for 26
behind-the-wheel instruction. The director shall not 27
unreasonably withhold approval of an electronic device or 28
application if that device meets the requirements set forth in 29
rules adopted under division (D) (1) of this section. 30

(C) An eligible adult may use an electronic device or 31
application that is programmed to offer mobile and in-vehicle 32
instruction to the student driver to assist in supervising the 33
fifty hours of actual driving experience required by division 34
(B) (2) of section 4507.21 of the Revised Code. 35

(D) (1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 36
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing any procedures and 37
requirements necessary to implement this section. 38

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the 39
Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained 40
in a rule adopted under this section is not subject to sections 41
121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code. 42

(E) An eligible adult acting in lieu of a driver training 43
instructor in accordance with this section and the rules adopted 44
by the director is exempt from the driver training instructor 45
licensure requirements of this chapter. 46