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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for learner's
3 permit pilot program for schools.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1505.1. Learner's permit pilot program for schools.

9 (a) Establishment.--A pilot program is established to
10 provide for a learner's permit knowledge test conducted by
11 schools.

12 (b) Duties of department.--The department shall:

13 (1) Provide the resources needed to allow a school
14 entity under the pilot program to administer the knowledge
15 test under section 1508(a) (relating to examination of
16 applicant for driver's license) for a learner's permit.

17 (2) Establish the process through which a student who
18 has successfully completed the knowledge test can provide

1 proof of successful passage of the test to the department and
2 apply for a learner's permit from the department.

3 (3) Compile a report on the pilot program as provided
4 under subsection (d).

5 (c) Authorization.--A school entity that is authorized to
6 conduct third-party testing under section 1508(e) may enter the
7 pilot program and administer the knowledge test to obtain a
8 learner's permit under section 1505 (relating to learners'
9 permits) for Class C licenses under 1504(d)(3) (relating to
10 classes of licenses). A school entity shall administer the
11 knowledge test in accordance with guidelines established by the
12 department.

13 (d) Contents of report.--The department shall compile a
14 report to examine the learner's permit pilot program for
15 schools. The report shall include:

16 (1) The number of school entities that have participated
17 in the pilot program.

18 (2) The number of students that have obtained their
19 learner's permit through the pilot program.

20 (3) Suggested statutory changes to the pilot program.

21 (4) Any additional information that the department deems
22 necessary for the report.

23 (e) Submission of report.--The department shall submit the
24 report under subsection (d) no later than one year prior to the
25 termination of the pilot program under subsection (f) to the
26 Governor, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
27 Transportation Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and
28 minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the
29 House of Representatives.

30 (f) Termination.--The pilot program shall terminate three

1 years from the effective date of this section.

2 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "school
3 entity" shall mean a school district, area career and technical
4 school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter
5 school or cyber charter school.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in one year.