

1 H.605

2 Introduced by Representative Elder of Starksboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; high school driver education instruction

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require high  
7 school driver education instruction on (i) different forms of transit and how  
8 these forms of transit may be used in combination to reach a destination; (ii)  
9 emerging technologies in the field of transit, such as electric and hybrid  
10 vehicles; and (iii) the rights and responsibilities of nonvehicle users of public  
11 roads and how to interact safely and respectfully with these other users.

12 An act relating to high school driver education instruction

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1045 is amended to read:

15 § 1045. DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

16 (a) A driver education and training course, approved by the Agency of  
17 Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be made available to  
18 students whose parent or guardian is a resident of Vermont and who have  
19 reached their 15th birthday and who are regularly enrolled in a public or  
20 independent high school approved by the State Board.

1 (b) ~~After June 30, 1984, all~~ All driver education courses shall include:

2 (1) a course of instruction, approved by the State Board and the council  
3 on the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving;

4 ~~(e)(2) All driver education courses shall include~~ instruction on motor  
5 vehicle liability insurance and the motor vehicle financial responsibility laws  
6 of the State;

7 ~~(d)(3) All driver education courses shall include~~ instruction on the  
8 adverse environmental, health, economic, and other effects of unnecessary  
9 idling of motor vehicles and on the law governing prohibited idling of motor  
10 vehicles;

11 (4) instruction on the availability and advantages and disadvantage of  
12 different forms of transit, such as buses, planes, trains, bicycles, and walking,  
13 and how these forms of transit may be used in combination to reach a  
14 destination;

15 (5) instruction on emerging technologies in the field of transit, such as  
16 electric and hybrid vehicles; and

17 (6) instruction on the rights and responsibilities of nonvehicle users of  
18 public roads, such as people walking or using bicycles or scooters, and on how  
19 to interact safely and respectfully with these other users.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on passage, and the instructional requirements  
3           under 16 V.S.A. § 1045(b)(4)–(6) shall be in effect for the 2021–2022 school  
4           year and thereafter.