

**ESSB 5583** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, to obtain a driver's license under  
6 this section, a person at least 18 years of age but under 21 years of  
7 age must, in addition to other skills and examination requirements as  
8 prescribed by the department, satisfactorily complete one of the  
9 driver training education course options provided in (c) of this  
10 subsection.

11 (b) Beginning July 1, 2028, a person at least 21 years of age but  
12 under 25 years of age must, in addition to other skills and  
13 examination requirements as prescribed by the department,  
14 satisfactorily complete one of the driver training education course  
15 options provided in (c) of this subsection.

16 (c) To satisfy the driver training education course requirements  
17 under (a) or (b) of this subsection, a person must complete one of  
18 the following:

19 (i) A driver training education course as defined in RCW  
20 28A.220.020;

21 (ii) A driver training education course as defined by the  
22 department and offered by a driver training school licensed under  
23 chapter 46.82 RCW;

24 (iii) A condensed traffic safety education course as defined by  
25 the department and offered by a driver training school licensed under  
26 chapter 46.82 RCW; or

27 (iv) An online, self-paced condensed traffic safety education  
28 course as defined by the department and offered by a driver training  
29 school licensed under chapter 46.82 RCW. A person that satisfactorily  
30 completes an online, self-paced condensed traffic safety education

1 course under this subsection (1)(a)(iv) must complete at least three  
2 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

3 (d) The course offered by a school district or an approved  
4 private school must be part of a traffic safety education program  
5 authorized by the office of the superintendent of public instruction  
6 and certified under chapter 28A.220 RCW. The course offered by a  
7 driver training school and the online, self-paced condensed traffic  
8 safety education course must meet the standards established by the  
9 department under chapter 46.82 RCW.

10 (2) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a  
11 motorcycle endorsement, the applicant must successfully complete a  
12 motorcycle safety education course that meets the standards  
13 established by the department.

14 (3)(a) The department may waive the driver training education  
15 course requirement for a driver's license under subsection (1) of  
16 this section if the applicant demonstrates to the department's  
17 satisfaction that:

18 (i) He or she was unable to take or complete a driver training  
19 education course;

20 (ii) A need exists for the applicant to operate a motor vehicle;  
21 and

22 (iii) He or she has the ability to operate a motor vehicle in  
23 such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of persons or property.

24 (b) The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection  
25 (3) in concert with the supervisor of the traffic safety education  
26 section of the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

27 (4) The department may waive the driver training education course  
28 requirement if the applicant was licensed to drive a motor vehicle or  
29 motorcycle from a reciprocal jurisdiction outside this state or  
30 provides proof that they have had education, from a reciprocal  
31 jurisdiction, equivalent to that required under this section.

32 (5) The department is required to provide broad and accessible  
33 public outreach and education, to begin no later than January 1,  
34 2025, to communicate to Washington state residents the driver  
35 training education requirements mandated under this section and to  
36 provide tools to assist them in accessing driver training education  
37 courses, condensed traffic safety education courses, and online,  
38 self-paced condensed traffic safety education courses, that satisfy  
39 the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

1 (6) The department must provide updates on the implementation of  
2 these new requirements, including an assessment of progress made by  
3 the department on preparations for the new requirements taking effect  
4 and public and private resource availability for the expansion of  
5 driver training education requirements. These updates are required to  
6 include the total number of licensed driver training schools and  
7 traffic safety education programs in the state, by geographical  
8 region; the number of licensed driver trainer school instructors; the  
9 number of licensed driver trainer instructors; and plans for  
10 satisfying the public outreach and education requirements of  
11 subsection (5) of this section. These updates must be provided to the  
12 transportation committees of the legislature by January 2, 2024, and  
13 January 2, 2025.

14 (7) The department, in coordination with the Washington state  
15 traffic safety commission, must provide an annual report to the  
16 transportation committees of the legislature by July 1, 2027, and  
17 July 1, 2028. The annual reports must include updates on program  
18 implementation related to the new requirements; traffic safety  
19 impacts resulting from the new requirements; and feedback that the  
20 department has received from the public on the new requirements,  
21 including through public outreach efforts.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.075 and 2011 c 60 s 44 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) An intermediate license authorizes the holder to drive a  
25 motor vehicle under the conditions specified in this section. An  
26 applicant for an intermediate license must be at least (~~sixteen~~) 16  
27 years of age and:

28 (a) Have possessed a valid instruction permit for a period of not  
29 less than six months;

30 (b) Have passed a driver licensing examination administered by  
31 the department;

32 (c) Have passed a course of driver's education in accordance with  
33 the standards established in RCW 46.20.100;

34 (d) Present certification by his or her parent, guardian, or  
35 employer to the department stating (i) that the applicant has had at  
36 least (~~fifty~~) 50 hours of driving experience, (~~ten~~) 10 of which  
37 were at night, during which the driver was supervised by a person at  
38 least (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age who has had a valid driver's  
39 license for at least three years, and (ii) that the applicant has not

1 been issued a notice of traffic infraction or cited for a traffic  
2 violation that is pending at the time of the application for the  
3 intermediate license;

4 (e) Not have been convicted of or found to have committed a  
5 traffic violation within the last six months before the application  
6 for the intermediate license; and

7 (f) Not have been adjudicated for an offense involving the use of  
8 alcohol or drugs during the period the applicant held an instruction  
9 permit.

10 (2) For the first six months after the issuance of an  
11 intermediate license or until the holder reaches (~~(eighteen)~~) 18  
12 years of age, whichever occurs first, the holder of the license may  
13 not operate a motor vehicle that is carrying any passengers under the  
14 age of (~~(twenty)~~) 20 who are not members of the holder's immediate  
15 family as defined in RCW 42.17A.005. For the remaining period of the  
16 intermediate license, the holder may not operate a motor vehicle that  
17 is carrying more than three passengers who are under the age of  
18 (~~(twenty)~~) 20 who are not members of the holder's immediate family.

19 (3) The holder of an intermediate license may not operate a motor  
20 vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. except (a) when the  
21 holder is accompanied by (~~(a parent, guardian, or)~~) a licensed driver  
22 who is at least (~~(twenty-five)~~) 25 years of age, or (b) for school,  
23 religious, or employment activities for the holder or a member of the  
24 holder's immediate family as defined in RCW 42.17A.005.

25 (4) The holder of an intermediate license may not operate a  
26 moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device  
27 unless the holder is using the device to report illegal activity,  
28 summon medical or other emergency help, or prevent injury to a person  
29 or property.

30 (5) It is a traffic infraction for the holder of an intermediate  
31 license to operate a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions  
32 imposed under this section.

33 (6) Except for a violation of subsection (4) of this section,  
34 enforcement of this section by law enforcement officers may be  
35 accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor  
36 vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation of this title or  
37 an equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.

38 (7) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
39 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if necessary  
40 for agricultural purposes.

1 (8) An intermediate licensee may drive at any hour without  
2 restrictions on the number of passengers in the vehicle if, for the  
3 (~~twelve-month~~) 12-month period following the issuance of the  
4 intermediate license, he or she:

5 (a) Has not been involved in an accident involving only one motor  
6 vehicle;

7 (b) Has not been involved in an accident where he or she was  
8 cited in connection with the accident or was found to have caused the  
9 accident;

10 (c) Has not been involved in an accident where no one was cited  
11 or was found to have caused the accident; and

12 (d) Has not been convicted of or found to have committed a  
13 traffic offense described in chapter 46.61 RCW or violated  
14 restrictions placed on an intermediate licensee under this section.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.100 and 2017 c 197 s 7 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) **Application.** The application of a person under the age of  
18 (~~eighteen~~) 18 years for a driver's license or a motorcycle  
19 endorsement must be signed by a parent or guardian with custody of  
20 the minor. If the person under the age of (~~eighteen~~) 18 has no  
21 father, mother, or guardian, then the application must be signed by  
22 the minor's employer.

23 (2) **Traffic safety education requirement.** For a person under the  
24 age of (~~eighteen~~) 18 years to obtain a driver's license, he or she  
25 must meet the traffic safety education requirements of this  
26 subsection.

27 (a) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a  
28 driver's license, the applicant must satisfactorily complete a driver  
29 training education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020 for a course  
30 offered by a school district or approved private school, or as  
31 defined by the department of licensing for a course offered by a  
32 driver training school licensed under chapter 46.82 RCW. The course  
33 offered by a school district or an approved private school must be  
34 part of a traffic safety education program authorized by the office  
35 of the superintendent of public instruction and certified under  
36 chapter 28A.220 RCW. The course offered by a driver training school  
37 must meet the standards established by the department of licensing  
38 under chapter 46.82 RCW. The driver training education course may be  
39 provided by:

1 (i) A secondary school within a school district or approved  
2 private school that establishes and maintains an approved and  
3 certified traffic safety education program under chapter 28A.220 RCW;  
4 or

5 (ii) A driver training school licensed under chapter 46.82 RCW  
6 that is annually approved by the department of licensing.

7 (b) To meet the traffic safety education requirement for a  
8 motorcycle endorsement, the applicant must successfully complete a  
9 motorcycle safety education course that meets the standards  
10 established by the department of licensing.

11 (c) The department may waive the driver training education course  
12 requirement for a driver's license if the applicant demonstrates to  
13 the department's satisfaction that:

14 (i) He or she was unable to take or complete a driver training  
15 education course;

16 (ii) A need exists for the applicant to operate a motor vehicle;  
17 and

18 (iii) He or she has the ability to operate a motor vehicle in  
19 such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of persons or property.  
20 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection (2)(c) in  
21 concert with the supervisor of the traffic safety education section  
22 of the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

23 (d) The department may waive the driver training education course  
24 requirement if the applicant was licensed to drive a motor vehicle or  
25 motorcycle from a reciprocal jurisdiction outside this state (~~and~~)  
26 or provides proof that he or she has had education equivalent, from a  
27 reciprocal jurisdiction, to that required under this subsection.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.82.280 and 2017 c 197 s 8 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
31 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

32 (1) "Behind-the-wheel instruction" means instruction in an  
33 approved driver training school instruction vehicle according to and  
34 inclusive of the required curriculum. Behind-the-wheel instruction is  
35 characterized by driving experience.

36 (2) "Classroom" means a space dedicated to and used exclusively  
37 by a driver training instructor for the instruction of students. With  
38 prior department approval, a branch office classroom may be located  
39 within alternative facilities, such as a public or private library,

1 school, community college, college or university, or a business  
2 training facility.

3 (3) "Classroom instruction" means that portion of a traffic  
4 safety education course that is characterized by in-person  
5 classroom-based student instruction or virtual classroom-based  
6 student instruction with a live instructor using the required  
7 curriculum conducted by or under the direct supervision of a licensed  
8 instructor or licensed instructors. Classroom instruction may include  
9 self-paced, online components as authorized and certified by the  
10 department of licensing.

11 (4) "Condensed traffic safety education course" means a course of  
12 instruction in traffic safety education, intended for novice drivers  
13 at least 18 years of age but under 25 years of age, approved and  
14 licensed by the department of licensing that consists of at least  
15 eight hours of classroom instruction and three hours of behind-the-  
16 wheel instruction that follows the approved curriculum as determined  
17 in rule.

18 (5) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing  
19 of the state of Washington.

20 ((+5)) (6) "Driver training education course" means a course of  
21 instruction in traffic safety education approved and licensed by the  
22 department of licensing that consists of classroom and behind-the-  
23 wheel instruction that follows the approved curriculum.

24 ((+6)) (7) "Driver training school" means a commercial driver  
25 training school engaged in the business of giving instruction, for a  
26 fee, in the operation of automobiles.

27 ((+7)) (8) "Enrollment" means the collecting of a fee or the  
28 signing of a contract for a driver training education course.  
29 "Enrollment" does not include the collecting of names and contact  
30 information for enrolling students once a driver training school is  
31 licensed to instruct.

32 ((+8)) (9) "Fraudulent practices" means any conduct or  
33 representation on the part of a driver training school owner or  
34 instructor including:

35 (a) Inducing anyone to believe, or to give the impression, that a  
36 license to operate a motor vehicle or any other license granted by  
37 the director may be obtained by any means other than those prescribed  
38 by law, or furnishing or obtaining the same by illegal or improper  
39 means, or requesting, accepting, or collecting money for such  
40 purposes;

1 (b) Operating a driver training school without a license,  
2 providing instruction without an instructor's license, verifying  
3 enrollment prior to being licensed, misleading or false statements on  
4 applications for a commercial driver training school license or  
5 instructor's license or on any required records or supporting  
6 documentation;

7 (c) Failing to fully document and maintain all required driver  
8 training school records of instruction, school operation, and  
9 instructor training;

10 (d) Issuing a driver training course certificate without  
11 requiring completion of the necessary behind-the-wheel and classroom  
12 instruction.

13 (~~(9)~~) (10) "Instructor" means any person employed by or  
14 otherwise associated with a driver training school to instruct  
15 persons in the operation of an automobile.

16 (~~(10)~~) (11) "Owner" means an individual, partnership,  
17 corporation, association, or other person or group that holds a  
18 substantial interest in a driver training school.

19 (~~(11)~~) (12) "Person" means any individual, firm, corporation,  
20 partnership, or association.

21 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Place of business" means a designated location at  
22 which the business of a driver training school is transacted or its  
23 records are kept.

24 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Student" means any person enrolled in an approved  
25 driver training course.

26 (~~(14)~~) (15) "Substantial interest holder" means a person who  
27 has actual or potential influence over the management or operation of  
28 any driver training school. Evidence of substantial interest  
29 includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

30 (a) Directly or indirectly owning, operating, managing, or  
31 controlling a driver training school or any part of a driver training  
32 school;

33 (b) Directly or indirectly profiting from or assuming liability  
34 for debts of a driver training school;

35 (c) Is an officer or director of a driver training school;

36 (d) Owning (~~ten~~) 10 percent or more of any class of stock in a  
37 privately or closely held corporate driver training school, or five  
38 percent or more of any class of stock in a publicly traded corporate  
39 driver training school;



1 (e) Furnishing (~~ten~~) 10 percent or more of the capital, whether  
2 in cash, goods, or services, for the operation of a driver training  
3 school during any calendar year; or

4 (f) Directly or indirectly receiving a salary, commission,  
5 royalties, or other form of compensation from the activity in which a  
6 driver training school is or seeks to be engaged.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.82.330 and 2017 c 197 s 10 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The application for an instructor's license shall document  
10 the applicant's fitness, knowledge, skills, and abilities to teach  
11 the classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction portions of a driver  
12 training education program in a commercial driver training school.

13 (2) An applicant shall be eligible to apply for an original  
14 instructor's certificate if the applicant possesses and meets the  
15 following qualifications and conditions:

16 (a) Has been licensed to drive for five or more years and  
17 possesses a current and valid Washington driver's license or is a  
18 resident of a jurisdiction immediately adjacent to Washington state  
19 and possesses a current and valid license issued by such  
20 jurisdiction, and does not have on his or her driving record any of  
21 the violations or penalties set forth in (a)(i), (ii), or (iii) of  
22 this subsection. The director shall have the right to examine the  
23 driving record of the applicant from the department of licensing and  
24 from other jurisdictions and from these records determine if the  
25 applicant has had:

26 (i) Not more than one moving traffic violation within the  
27 preceding twelve months or more than two moving traffic violations in  
28 the preceding (~~twenty-four~~) 24 months;

29 (ii) No drug or alcohol-related traffic violation or incident  
30 within the preceding three years. If there are two or more drug or  
31 alcohol-related traffic violations in the applicant's driving  
32 history, the applicant is no longer eligible to be a driving  
33 instructor; and

34 (iii) No driver's license suspension, cancellation, revocation,  
35 or denial within the preceding two years, or no more than two of  
36 these occurrences in the preceding five years;

37 (b) Is a high school graduate or the equivalent and at least  
38 (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years of age;

1 (c) Has completed an acceptable application on a form prescribed  
2 by the director;

3 (d) Has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in the  
4 training of drivers acceptable to the director that is no less than  
5 (~~sixty~~) 60 hours in length and includes instruction in classroom  
6 and behind-the-wheel teaching methods and supervised practice behind-  
7 the-wheel teaching of driving techniques; and

8 (e) Has paid an examination fee as set by rule of the department  
9 and has successfully completed an instructor's examination.

10 (3) The department may develop rules to establish alternative  
11 pathways to licensure to substitute for subsection (2) of this  
12 section provided the alternative pathways enable the department to  
13 assess the applicant's fitness, knowledge, skill, and ability to  
14 teach the classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction portions of a  
15 driver training education program and behind-the-wheel instructor  
16 certification include behind-the-wheel teaching methods and  
17 supervised practice behind-the-wheel teaching of driving techniques.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 46.82  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The department must publish on its website an interactive map  
21 of all driver training education course providers and providers of a  
22 traffic safety education program as defined in RCW 28A.220.020,  
23 including driver, motorcyclist, and commercial driver training and  
24 testing providers certified by the department. The interactive map,  
25 at a minimum, must provide training and testing provider names,  
26 locations, contact information, course and program pricing, and  
27 services offered by language.

28 (2) Each driving training education course and traffic safety  
29 education program provider must report course and program pricing to  
30 the department on an annual basis.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 46.82  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, and subject to the availability of  
34 funds appropriated in the omnibus transportation appropriations act  
35 for this specific purpose, the department must establish a program to  
36 provide vouchers to cover the average cost of driver training  
37 education courses for novice drivers who reside in low-income  
38 households.

1 (2) In consultation with the Washington traffic safety  
2 commission, the department shall adopt rules establishing eligibility  
3 criteria and application and award procedures, and any other  
4 necessary rules, for implementing this section.

5 (3) An applicant who has previously received financial support to  
6 complete a driver training program under RCW 74.13.338(2)(b) or  
7 49.04.290 is deemed ineligible for a voucher under this section.

8 (4) A driver training school may not increase driver training  
9 education course costs or fees to offset any voucher amounts provided  
10 by school applicants.

11 (5) By January 1, 2024, the department shall provide to the  
12 appropriate committees of the legislature an implementation plan for  
13 the voucher program. On a biennial basis beginning June 30, 2026, the  
14 department shall report to the appropriate committees of the  
15 legislature the following:

16 (a) The income criteria used to determine voucher awards for  
17 driver training education courses;

18 (b) The number of applicants for driver training education  
19 vouchers annually by county;

20 (c) The number of vouchers awarded annually by county;

21 (d) The number of vouchers redeemed annually by county;

22 (e) The dollar amount of vouchers redeemed annually by county;  
23 and

24 (f) The community average income of voucher recipients during the  
25 reporting period.

26 (6) For the purposes of this section, "novice driver" means a  
27 person who has not previously obtained a license to drive a motor  
28 vehicle.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.220  
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, and subject to the availability of  
32 funds appropriated in the omnibus transportation appropriations act  
33 for this specific purpose, including for program development and  
34 implementation activities, the superintendent of public instruction  
35 must establish a grant program to allow schools to initiate or  
36 reinstitute traffic safety education programs as part of their course  
37 offerings, as well as to support existing traffic safety education  
38 programs in schools.

1 (2) The superintendent shall adopt rules establishing eligibility  
2 criteria, and the grant application and award procedures, for  
3 implementing this section. The eligibility criteria must prioritize  
4 school districts in overburdened communities as defined in RCW  
5 70A.02.010 and school districts with above average concentrations of  
6 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. The  
7 superintendent must include as a condition of grant eligibility  
8 agreement by the school district to provide the office of the  
9 superintendent of public instruction with the information, in a form  
10 and manner specified by the office, required by the office to comply  
11 with subsection (3) of this section.

12 (3) By January 1, 2024, the superintendent shall provide to the  
13 appropriate committees of the legislature an implementation plan for  
14 the grant program. On a biennial basis beginning June 30, 2026, the  
15 superintendent shall report to the appropriate committees of the  
16 legislature on the following:

- 17 (a) The grant amounts provided to each school district or school;
- 18 (b) The number of school districts or schools offering traffic  
19 safety education programs;
- 20 (c) The number of students receiving traffic safety instruction  
21 in those programs;
- 22 (d) The number of students eligible for free or reduced-price  
23 lunch receiving traffic safety instruction in those programs; and
- 24 (e) An assessment of the equity impacts in overburdened  
25 communities resulting from this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.220  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the omnibus  
29 transportation appropriations act for this specific purpose, the  
30 legislature encourages educational service districts to facilitate  
31 the coordination between school districts or secondary schools of a  
32 school district and driver training schools to increase access to  
33 driver training education courses by students who reside within the  
34 boundaries of the applicable school district.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56  
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 Any recipient income data collected by the department of  
38 licensing as part of the driver training education course voucher

1 program established under section 7 of this act is exempt from  
2 disclosure under this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06D  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the omnibus  
6 transportation appropriations act for this specific purpose, the  
7 office shall prepare an assessment of opportunities to improve access  
8 to driver training education for young drivers to meet the  
9 requirements of section 1 of this act. The assessment must address  
10 potential obstacles to meeting this requirement including, but not  
11 limited to, obstacles for young drivers for whom the cost of driver  
12 training education may pose a hardship, obstacles related to  
13 accessibility for young drivers who reside in rural areas, and  
14 obstacles for young drivers whose primary language is not English.  
15 The assessment must also recommend strategies through which these  
16 potential obstacles may be mitigated.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 39.19  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the omnibus  
20 transportation appropriations act for this specific purpose, the  
21 office shall develop a program to foster the development of women,  
22 minority-owned, and veteran-owned licensed driver training schools in  
23 the state, including through instruction on topics relevant to owning  
24 and operating a licensed driver training school.

25 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.20.1201 and 2021 c 240 s 13 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (1) An additional \$1 fee shall be imposed on each application for  
28 an original or renewal of a regular driver's license, regular  
29 identicard, enhanced driver's license, or enhanced identicard. The  
30 entire amount of the fee shall be used to pay for processing costs  
31 for driver's license issuance and reinstatements, and information  
32 technology upgrades and the ongoing costs to maintain the driver's  
33 license and identicard record and issuance system.

34 (2) Beginning October 1, 2023, an additional \$7.50 fee shall be  
35 imposed on each application for an original or renewal of a regular  
36 driver's license, regular identicard, enhanced driver's license, or  
37 enhanced identicard. The department shall forward all funds accruing

1 under this (~~section~~) subsection to the state treasurer who shall  
2 deposit the moneys (~~to the credit of the highway safety fund~~) as  
3 specified in RCW 46.68.041.

4 **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.20.055 and 2021 c 158 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) **Driver's instruction permit.** The department may issue a  
7 driver's instruction permit online or in person with or without a  
8 photograph to an applicant who has successfully passed all parts of  
9 the examination other than the driving test, provided the information  
10 required by RCW 46.20.091, paid an application fee of (~~twenty-five~~  
11 ~~dollars~~) \$25, and meets the following requirements:

- 12 (a) Is at least (~~fifteen and one-half~~) 15.5 years of age; or
- 13 (b) Is at least (~~fifteen~~) 15 years of age and:
  - 14 (i) Has submitted a proper application; and
  - 15 (ii) Is enrolled in a driver training education course offered as
  - 16 part of a traffic safety education program authorized by the office
  - 17 of the superintendent of public instruction and certified under
  - 18 chapter 28A.220 RCW or offered by a driver training school licensed
  - 19 and inspected by the department of licensing under chapter 46.82 RCW,
  - 20 that includes practice driving.

21 (2) **Waiver of written examination for instruction permit.** The  
22 department may waive the written examination, if, at the time of  
23 application, an applicant is enrolled in a driver training education  
24 course or condensed traffic safety education course as defined in RCW  
25 46.82.280 (~~or 28A.220.020~~).

26 The department may require proof of registration in such a course  
27 as it deems necessary.

28 (3) **Effect of instruction permit.** A person holding a driver's  
29 instruction permit may drive a motor vehicle, other than a  
30 motorcycle, upon the public highways if:

- 31 (a) The person has immediate possession of the permit;
- 32 (b) The person is not using a wireless communications device,  
33 unless the person is using the device to report illegal activity,  
34 summon medical or other emergency help, or prevent injury to a person  
35 or property; and

36 (c) A driver training education course instructor who meets the  
37 qualifications of chapter 46.82 or 28A.220 RCW, or a licensed driver  
38 with at least five years of driving experience, occupies the seat  
39 beside the driver.

1 (4) **Term of instruction permit.** A driver's instruction permit is  
2 valid for one year from the date of issue.

3 (a) The department may issue one additional one-year permit.

4 (b) The department may issue a third driver's permit if it finds  
5 after an investigation that the permittee is diligently seeking to  
6 improve driving proficiency.

7 (c) A person applying for an additional instruction permit must  
8 submit the application to the department and pay an application fee  
9 of (~~twenty-five dollars~~) \$25 for each issuance.

10 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.68.041 and 2022 c 182 s 210 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) (~~and (3)~~) through (4)  
13 of this section, the department must forward all funds accruing under  
14 the provisions of chapter 46.20 RCW together with a proper  
15 identifying, detailed report to the state treasurer who must deposit  
16 such moneys to the credit of the highway safety fund.

17 (2) Fifty-six percent of each fee collected by the department  
18 under RCW 46.20.311 (1)(e)(ii), (2)(b)(ii), and (3)(b) must be  
19 deposited in the impaired driving safety account.

20 (3) Fifty percent of the revenue from the fees imposed under RCW  
21 46.20.200(2) must be deposited in the move ahead WA flexible account  
22 created in RCW 46.68.520.

23 (4) Beginning October 1, 2023, \$7.50 of the fee imposed under RCW  
24 46.20.1201 must be deposited into the driver's education safety  
25 improvement account created in section 16 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 The driver's education safety improvement account is created in  
29 the state treasury. A portion of the fee imposed under RCW 46.20.1201  
30 must be deposited in the account. The account may also receive a  
31 portion of the revenue from traffic infraction fines as designated by  
32 the legislature. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
33 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for the  
34 support of driver education programs and activities that primarily  
35 serve people under the age of 25, including for efforts to increase  
36 young driver access to driver education.

1       **Sec. 17.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 403 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
4 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
5 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

6       (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
7 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the  
8 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
9 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
10 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
11 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
12 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management  
13 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
14 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
15 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
16 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
17 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
18 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
19 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
20 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
21 section.

22       (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
23 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
24 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
25 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
26 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
27 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
28 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
29 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
30 section.

31       (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
32 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
33 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
34 treasury income account except:

35       (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
36 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
37 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
38 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
39 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund,  
40 the brownfield redevelopment trust fund account, the budget



1 stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the  
2 capitol building construction account, the Central Washington  
3 University capital projects account, the charitable, educational,  
4 penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis basin  
5 account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the cleanup settlement  
6 account, the climate active transportation account, the climate  
7 transit programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply  
8 development account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water  
9 supply development account, the Columbia river basin water supply  
10 revenue recovery account, the common school construction fund, the  
11 community forest trust account, the connecting Washington account,  
12 the county arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice  
13 assistance account, the deferred compensation administrative account,  
14 the deferred compensation principal account, the department of  
15 licensing services account, the department of retirement systems  
16 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services  
17 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water  
18 assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking  
19 water assistance account, the driver's education safety improvement  
20 account, the early learning facilities development account, the early  
21 learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington  
22 University capital projects account, the education construction fund,  
23 the education legacy trust account, the election account, the  
24 electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy  
25 recovery act account, the essential rail assistance account, The  
26 Evergreen State College capital projects account, the fair start for  
27 kids account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and  
28 conservation account, the freight mobility investment account, the  
29 freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective  
30 fund, the public health services account, the state higher education  
31 construction account, the higher education construction account, the  
32 higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the  
33 highway bond retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the  
34 highway safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the  
35 Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll lanes account,  
36 the judges' retirement account, the judicial retirement  
37 administrative account, the judicial retirement principal account,  
38 the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold excise tax  
39 account, the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales  
40 and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship trust account,

1 the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement savings  
2 administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings  
3 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety  
4 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA  
5 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse  
6 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance  
7 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding  
8 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance  
9 account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance  
10 agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public  
11 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees'  
12 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public  
13 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health  
14 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget  
15 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations  
16 account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound  
17 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission  
18 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility  
19 grant program account, the resource management cost account, the  
20 rural arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program  
21 account, the rural Washington loan fund, the sexual assault  
22 prevention and response account, the site closure account, the  
23 skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city  
24 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the  
25 special wildlife account, the state investment board expense account,  
26 the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state  
27 patrol highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the  
28 state route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route  
29 number 520 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the  
30 statewide tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension  
31 account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers'  
32 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system  
33 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and  
34 control account, the tobacco settlement account, the toll facility  
35 bond retirement account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel  
36 account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation  
37 future funding program account, the transportation improvement  
38 account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement  
39 account, the transportation infrastructure account, the  
40 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury

1 account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the  
2 University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup  
3 account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and  
4 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve  
5 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education  
6 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the  
7 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1  
8 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and  
9 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public  
10 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
11 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
12 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
13 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
14 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
15 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
16 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
17 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
18 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
19 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
20 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
21 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
22 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
23 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

24 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
25 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
26 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
27 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
28 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
29 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

30 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
31 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
32 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

33 **Sec. 18.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2022 c 182 s 404 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
36 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
37 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

38 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
39 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the

1 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
2 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
3 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
4 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
5 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management  
6 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
7 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
8 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
9 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
10 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
11 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
12 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
13 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
14 section.

15 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
16 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
17 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
18 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
19 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
20 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
21 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
22 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
23 section.

24 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
25 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
26 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
27 treasury income account except:

28 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
29 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
30 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
31 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
32 viaduct replacement project account, the brownfield redevelopment  
33 trust fund account, the budget stabilization account, the capital  
34 vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction  
35 account, the Central Washington University capital projects account,  
36 the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions  
37 account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable  
38 account, the cleanup settlement account, the climate active  
39 transportation account, the climate transit programs account, the  
40 Columbia river basin water supply development account, the Columbia

1 river basin taxable bond water supply development account, the  
2 Columbia river basin water supply revenue recovery account, the  
3 common school construction fund, the community forest trust account,  
4 the connecting Washington account, the county arterial preservation  
5 account, the county criminal justice assistance account, the deferred  
6 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation  
7 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the  
8 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental  
9 disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction  
10 account, the drinking water assistance account, the administrative  
11 subaccount of the drinking water assistance account, the driver's  
12 education safety improvement account, the early learning facilities  
13 development account, the early learning facilities revolving account,  
14 the Eastern Washington University capital projects account, the  
15 education construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the  
16 election account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom  
17 account, the energy recovery act account, the essential rail  
18 assistance account, The Evergreen State College capital projects  
19 account, the fair start for kids account, the ferry bond retirement  
20 fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the freight  
21 mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account,  
22 the grade crossing protective fund, the public health services  
23 account, the state higher education construction account, the higher  
24 education construction account, the higher education retirement plan  
25 supplemental benefit fund, the highway bond retirement fund, the  
26 highway infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital  
27 safety net assessment fund, the Interstate 405 and state route number  
28 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement account, the  
29 judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement  
30 principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local  
31 leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax  
32 account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine resources  
33 stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the money-  
34 purchase retirement savings administrative account, the money-  
35 purchase retirement savings principal account, the motor vehicle  
36 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move ahead WA  
37 account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal  
38 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the  
39 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve  
40 land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the

1 perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account,  
2 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank  
3 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1  
4 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
5 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving  
6 account, the public health supplemental account, the public works  
7 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the  
8 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway  
9 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account,  
10 the real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational  
11 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the  
12 resource management cost account, the rural arterial trust account,  
13 the rural mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan  
14 fund, the sexual assault prevention and response account, the site  
15 closure account, the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund,  
16 the small city pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C  
17 account, the special wildlife account, the state investment board  
18 expense account, the state investment board commingled trust fund  
19 accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state reclamation  
20 revolving account, the state route number 520 civil penalties  
21 account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the statewide  
22 broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account, the  
23 supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account,  
24 the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers'  
25 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco  
26 prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement account, the  
27 toll facility bond retirement account, the transportation 2003  
28 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the  
29 transportation future funding program account, the transportation  
30 improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond  
31 retirement account, the transportation infrastructure account, the  
32 transportation partnership account, the traumatic brain injury  
33 account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the  
34 University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup  
35 account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and  
36 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve  
37 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education  
38 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the  
39 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1  
40 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and

1 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public  
2 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
3 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
4 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
5 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
6 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
7 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
8 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
9 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
10 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
11 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
12 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
13 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
14 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
15 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

16 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
17 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
18 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
19 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
20 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
21 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

22 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
23 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
24 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** Section 17 of this act expires July 1,  
26 2024.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** Section 18 of this act takes effect July  
28 1, 2024."

29 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Modifies the effective date for the new driver training education requirement, moving it back six months to July 1, 2025, for people age 18 to 20, and moving it to July 1, 2028, for people age 21 to 24.

(2) Includes completion of a condensed traffic safety course or an online, self-paced condensed traffic safety education course as options to meet the driver training education requirement for people age 18 to 21.

(3) Mandates that DOL provide broad and accessible public outreach and education to communicate to state residents the new

driver training education requirements and provide tools to assist them in accessing courses that meet the new requirement, to begin no later than January 1, 2025.

(4) Requires DOL to provide updates on implementation of the new requirements, including data on driver training schools and traffic safety education programs in the state, by January 2, 2024, and January 2, 2025.

(5) Modifies the due date of the first annual report from January 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027, and requires that the report include updates on program implementation, traffic safety impacts, and public feedback.

(6) Authorizes DOL to develop rules to establish alternative pathways to driver training instructor licensing.

(7) Removes the authorization for school districts to offer condensed traffic safety education courses.

(8) Modifies the start date of the driver training education voucher and grant programs established in the bill to July 1, 2025, to correspond to the new date when the driver training education requirements in the bill take effect.

(9) Augments the condition that the driver training education grant program created in the bill be subject to appropriations to add a requirement that program development and implementation activities must be funded.

(10) Removes the requirement that OSPI collaborate with DOL in establishing the driver training education grant program.

(11) Clarifies that students of existing traffic safety education programs in schools are also eligible for the driver training education grant program.

(12) Requires OSPI to include as a condition of grant eligibility agreement by the school district to provide OSPI with the information needed by OSPI to comply with grant program reporting requirements.

(13) States that the legislature encourages educational service districts (ESDs), subject to appropriations, facilitate the coordination between school districts or secondary schools and driver training schools to increase access to driver training education courses by students in the school district.

(14) Requires the Office of Equity, subject to appropriations, to prepare an assessment of opportunities to improve young driver access to driver training education.

(15) Mandates that the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE), subject to appropriations, develop a program to foster the development of women, minority-owned, and veteran-owned licensed driver training schools.

(16) Raises the additional fee for an original and renewal standard driver's licenses, a regular identicard, an enhanced driver's license, and an enhanced identicard by \$7.50, and directs the revenue to the driver's education safety improvement account.

(17) Eliminates the additional \$12 in fees for a driver's instruction permit and the additional \$16 in fees for a new driver's license exam.

(18) Clarifies that expenditures from the driver's education safety improvement account may be used for the support of young driver education program and activities, including for efforts to increase young driver access to driver training education, and removes legislative intent language regarding splitting expenditures



from the account evenly between the driver training education voucher and grant programs.

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