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H.176

Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; driver education; curriculum; climate change

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the driver education curriculum to include information about climate change and how passenger vehicles contribute to climate change.

An act relating to inclusion of information about climate change in driver education curriculum

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

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

§ 1045. DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

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

1 (b) After June 30, 1984, all driver education courses shall include a course
2 of instruction, approved by the State Board and the ~~council~~ Alcohol and Drug
3 Abuse Council on the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving.

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

7 (d) All driver education courses shall include instruction on:

8 (1) climate change and how passenger vehicles contribute to climate
9 change; and

10 (2) the adverse environmental, health, economic, and other effects of
11 unnecessary idling of motor vehicles and on the law governing prohibited
12 idling of motor vehicles.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.