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2      Introduced by Senator Harrison  
3      Referred to Committee on  
4      Date:  
5      Subject: Motor vehicles; education; driver education and training  
6      Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit the  
7      classroom portion of a driver education and training program to be fulfilled  
8      through an online course.

9 An act relating to online driver education

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

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

12 § 1045. DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

13 (a)(1) A driver education and training course, approved by the Agency of

14 Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be made available to

15 students whose parent or guardian is a resident of Vermont and who have

16 reached ~~their 15th birthday~~ 15 years of age and who are regularly enrolled in a

17 public or independent high school approved by the State Board.

18 (2) The driver education and training course made available to students

19 may be an in-person course or an asynchronous online course.

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1        (e) Online driver education and training courses shall meet the content  
2        standards for driver education curricula in the most recent edition of the  
3        Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards.

4        (f) The Agency of Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles shall  
5        only approve online driver education and training courses that:

6            (1) include a means for each student to measure performance outcomes;  
7            (2) use a pool of rotating exam questions;  
8            (3) incorporate accountability features to verify the identity of each  
9        student while the student is engaged in the course of study;  
10          (4) measure the amount of time that each student spends in the course;  
11          (5) provide technical support to customers;  
12          (6) store course content and student data on a secure server with  
13        adequate safeguards in place to protect against data breaches and data loss;  
14          (7) incorporate appropriate measures to prevent unauthorized access to  
15        private information; and  
16          (8) include the ability to update course content uniformly throughout the  
17        State.

18        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19        This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.