

1 S.259

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.