

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 271—ASSEMBLYMEN HUMKE, GIBBONS, VON TOBEL,
BACHE, BEERS, DINI, GOLDWATER, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON,
NEIGHBORS, PRICE AND WILLIAMS

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning automobile driver education and renewal of
license of instructor of school for training drivers. (BDR 34-1011)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the training of drivers; requiring the state board of education to adopt
regulations governing automobile driver education in public schools; authorizing
licensed schools for training drivers to use certain interactive technologies in lieu
of actual classroom instruction; requiring an instructor of a school for training
drivers to complete certain training before his license as an instructor may be
renewed by the department of motor vehicles and public safety; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 389.090 1. The state board shall adopt regulations governing the
3 establishment, conduct and scope of automobile driver education in the
4 public schools of this state. *The regulations must set forth, without*
5 *limitation:*
6 *(a) The number of hours of training that must be completed by a pupil*
7 *who enrolls in a course in automobile driver education;*
8 *(b) That a course in automobile driver education may be conducted in*
9 *a classroom or motor vehicle, or both; and*
10 *(c) That if a course in automobile driver education is conducted both*
11 *in a classroom and in a motor vehicle, 1 hour of training in a motor*
12 *vehicle is equivalent to 3 hours of training in a classroom.*
13 2. The aims and purposes of automobile driver education are to
14 develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe
15 operation of motor vehicles.
16 3. The board of trustees of a school district may establish and maintain
17 *courses in* automobile driver education ~~classes~~ during regular semesters



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1 and summer sessions and during the regular school day and at times other
2 than during the regular school day for:

3 (a) Pupils enrolled in the regular full-time day high schools in the
4 school district.

5 (b) Pupils enrolled in summer classes conducted in high schools in the
6 school district.

7 A board of trustees maintaining courses in automobile driver education
8 shall insure against any liability arising out of the use of motor vehicles in
9 connection with those courses. The cost of the insurance must be paid from
10 available *money of the* school district. ~~funds.~~

11 4. A governing body of a charter school may establish and maintain
12 *courses in* automobile driver education ~~classes~~ if the governing body
13 insures against any liability arising out of the use of motor vehicles in
14 connection with those courses.

15 5. Automobile driver education must be provided by boards of trustees
16 of school districts and governing bodies of charter schools in accordance
17 with the regulations of the state board and may not be duplicated by any
18 other agency, department, commission or officer of the State of Nevada.

19 6. Each course in automobile driver education provided by a board of
20 trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school must
21 include, without limitation, instruction in:

22 (a) Motor vehicle insurance.

23 (b) The effect of drugs and alcohol on an operator of a motor vehicle.

24 7. Each course in automobile driver education provided by a board of
25 trustees of a school district or a governing body of a charter school must be
26 restricted to pupils who are sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school.

27 **Sec. 2.** NRS 483.725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 483.725 *1.* Each course of training provided by a school for training
29 drivers licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, must
30 include, without limitation, instruction in:

31 ~~1-1~~ (a) Motor vehicle insurance.

32 ~~1-2~~ (b) The effect of drugs and alcohol on an operator of a motor
33 vehicle.

34 *2. If a course of training provided by a school for training drivers*
35 *licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, consists in whole*
36 *or in part of classroom instruction, that part of the course which consists*
37 *of classroom instruction may be taught interactively through the use of*
38 *communications technology so that persons taking the course need not*
39 *be physically present in a classroom.*

40 *3. The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions*
41 *of subsection 2. The regulations must include, without limitation:*

42 *(a) Provisions for the licensing and operation of interactive courses*
43 *that use communications technology;*

44 *(b) Provisions to ensure that interactive courses which use*
45 *communications technology are secure, reliable and include measures*
46 *for testing and security that are at least as secure as the measures for*
47 *testing and security which would be available in an ordinary classroom;*
48 *and*



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1 (c) Standards to ensure that interactive courses which use
2 communications technology offer a curriculum that is at least as
3 stringent as the curriculum which would be available in an ordinary
4 classroom.

5 4. As used in this section, "communications technology" means any
6 method or component, or both, that is used by a school for training
7 drivers licensed pursuant to NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive, to carry
8 out or facilitate the transmission of information, including, without
9 limitation, the transmission and reception of information by:

10 (a) Systems based on the following technologies:

- 11 (1) Video;
- 12 (2) Wire;
- 13 (3) Cable;
- 14 (4) Radio;
- 15 (5) Microwave;
- 16 (6) Light; or
- 17 (7) Optics; and

18 (b) Computer data networks, including, without limitation, the
19 Internet or its successor, if any, and intranet services.

20 **Sec. 3.** NRS 483.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 483.730 1. The department shall issue a license to operate a school
22 for training drivers or to act as an instructor for such a school, if ~~fit~~ **the**
23 **department** is satisfied that the applicant has met the qualifications
24 required by NRS 483.700 to 483.780, inclusive.

25 2. The license is valid for 5 years after the date of issuance, unless
26 canceled, suspended or revoked by the department and, except as otherwise
27 provided in subsection 3, may be renewed subject to the same conditions as
28 the original license.

29 3. The department may renew the license of an instructor of a school
30 for training drivers if, when he submits his application for the renewal of
31 his license, he provides evidence satisfactory to the department that, during
32 the period of the license, he completed ~~at least six credits of continuing~~
33 ~~education by attending:~~

34 ~~—(a) A course of instruction relating to the training of drivers approved~~
35 ~~by the department; or~~

36 ~~—(b) A state or national conference approved by the department of~~
37 ~~education for credit for continuing education.~~

38 ~~—4. In determining whether an instructor has complied with the~~
39 ~~provisions of subsection 3, the department shall award one credit of~~
40 ~~continuing education for the completion of each 15 hours of:~~

41 ~~—(a) Classroom instruction in a course specified in paragraph (a) of~~
42 ~~subsection 3; or~~

43 ~~—(b) Attendance at a conference specified in paragraph (b) of subsection~~
44 ~~3.} **training of a type and in an amount prescribed by the department by**~~
45 **regulation.**

46 **Sec. 4.** Section 5 of chapter 407, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page
47 1926, is hereby repealed.



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- 1 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and section 1 of this act become effective on
2 July 1, 2001.
3 2. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act become effective on October 1, 2001.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

Section 5 of chapter 407, Statutes of Nevada 1999:

Sec. 5. The requirements for continuing education set forth in
NRS 483.730 do not apply to the renewal of a license of an
instructor for a school for training drivers before October 1, 2001.

