

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 27-24.2 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2)

Sec. 27-24.2. Driver education course. Any school district which maintains grades 9 through 12 shall offer a driver education course in any such school which it operates. Both the classroom instruction part and the practice driving part of such driver education course shall be open to a resident or non-resident pupil attending a non-public school in the district wherein the course is offered and to each resident of the district who acquires or holds a currently valid driver's license during the term of the course and who is at least 15 but has not reached 21 years of age, without regard to whether any such person is enrolled in any other course offered in any school that the district operates. Each student attending any public or non-public high school in the district must receive a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters prior to enrolling in a driver education course, or the student shall not be permitted to enroll in the course; provided that the local superintendent of schools (with respect

to a student attending a public high school in the district) or chief school administrator (with respect to a student attending a non-public high school in the district) may waive the requirement if the superintendent or chief school administrator, as the case may be, deems it to be in the best interest of the student. Any school district required to offer a driver education course or courses as provided in this Section also is authorized to offer either the classroom instruction part or the practice driving part or both such parts of a driver education course to any resident of the district who is over age 55; provided that any such school district which elects to offer either or both parts of such course to such residents shall be entitled to make either or both parts of such course available to such residents at any attendance center or centers within the district designated by the school board; and provided further that no part of any such driver education course shall be offered to any resident of the district over age 55 unless space therein remains available after all persons to whom such part of the driver education course is required to be open as provided in this Section and who have requested such course have registered therefor, and unless such resident of the district over age 55 is a person who has not previously been licensed as a driver under the laws of this or any other state or country. However, a student may be allowed to commence the classroom instruction part of such driver education course prior to reaching age 15 if such

student then will be eligible to complete the entire course within 12 months after being allowed to commence such classroom instruction.

Such a driver education course shall include classroom instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety issue. Such a driver education course may include classroom instruction on the safety rules and operation of motorcycles or motor driven cycles.

Such a course may be commenced immediately after the completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall meet the certification requirements of this Act and regulations of the State Board as to qualifications.

(Source: P.A. 88-188.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.