

Legislative Analysis



DRIVER EDUCATION: BICYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

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House Bill 4960 (Substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Gabe Leland
Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4960 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

The bill would require that driver education classroom instruction include information about laws related to bicycles and motorcycles and emphasize awareness of their operation on streets, roads, and highways. The bill would amend the Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act (MCL 256.657).

The section being amended applies to "segment 1" teen driver training. This is the initial driver education program for individuals 17 years of age and younger. Driver training is not required for individuals 18 and over to obtain a driver's license (although it is available).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not appear to have a significant fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the League of Michigan Bicyclists testified in support of the bill. (9-21-10)

A representative of Michigan Fitness Foundation testified in support of the bill. (9-21-10)

Michigan Environmental Council supports the bill. (9-21-10)

Michigan Mountain Biking Association supports the bill. (9-21-10)

Michigan Trails and Greenways supports the bill. (9-21-10)

PEAC - Children with Disabilities supports the bill.

My Wheels Are Turning supports the bill. (9-22-10)

Ride of Silence supports the bill. (9-22-10)

The Secretary of State opposes the bill. (9-21-10)

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