

HOUSE BILL NO. 6018

April 14, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Shannon, Tate, Tyrone Carter, Hertel, Liberati, Sneller, Puri, Sowerby and Haadsma and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled
"Driver education provider and instructor act,"
by amending section 37 (MCL 256.657), as amended by 2018 PA 277.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 37. (1) A segment 1 curriculum ~~shall~~**must** include both
2 classroom and behind-the-wheel driver education course experience.
3 The classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction ~~shall~~
4 **must** be integrated, relate to each other, and meet the following
5 requirements:

6 (a) Each student ~~shall~~**must** receive not less than 24 hours of

1 classroom instruction. Classroom instruction ~~shall~~**must include the**
2 **specified information and** be scheduled ~~to occur~~ as follows:

3 (i) Classroom instruction ~~shall~~**must** occur not more than 2
4 hours per day.

5 (ii) Classroom instruction ~~shall~~**must** occur over the course of
6 3 or more weeks.

7 (iii) Classroom instruction of 4 or more hours ~~shall~~**must** be
8 received before the student begins to receive behind-the-wheel
9 instruction.

10 (iv) Classroom instruction ~~shall~~**must** include not less than 1
11 hour of information concerning the laws pertaining to bicycles,
12 motorcycles, and other vulnerable roadway users, including
13 pedestrians, and ~~shall~~**must** emphasize awareness of their operation
14 on the streets, roads, and highways of this state. The laws of this
15 state pertaining to awareness of bicycles, motorcycles, and other
16 vulnerable roadway users, including pedestrians, ~~shall~~**must** also be
17 incorporated into other subject areas of the curriculum where
18 appropriate. The requirements of this subparagraph apply to both
19 the model curriculum and an approved curriculum described in
20 section 35. The information required by this subparagraph may be
21 incorporated into the segment 1 curriculum or the segment 2
22 classroom course described in section 39(b).

23 (v) Classroom instruction ~~shall~~**must** include information
24 concerning the proper actions to be taken by a driver during a
25 traffic stop.

26 (vi) Behind-the-wheel instruction of 3 or more hours ~~shall~~**must**
27 be completed before classroom instruction terminates.

28 (vii) **Classroom instruction must include not less than 1 hour**
29 **of information on the laws pertaining to right-of-way on the**

1 freeway when the driver is entering or exiting the freeway, when
2 the driver has other vehicles entering the freeway nearby, and on
3 proper traffic flow during lane reduction on a freeway. The
4 requirements of this subparagraph apply to both the model
5 curriculum and an approved curriculum described in section 35. The
6 information required by this subparagraph may be incorporated into
7 the segment 1 curriculum under this section or the segment 2
8 classroom course described in section 39(b).

9 (b) Each student ~~shall~~**must not** receive ~~not~~ less than 6 hours
10 of behind-the-wheel instruction or substitute hours permitted under
11 this subsection. Behind-the-wheel instruction ~~shall~~**must** be
12 scheduled to occur as follows:

13 (i) A student ~~shall~~**must not** receive ~~not~~ more than 1 hour of
14 behind-the-wheel instruction per day.

15 (ii) Not more than 1 student shall occupy the front seat of the
16 vehicle with the instructor.

17 (iii) A driver education motor vehicle ~~shall~~**must not** contain
18 ~~not~~ more than 4 students during behind-the-wheel instruction.

19 (iv) Not later than 3 weeks after the last classroom
20 instruction has been completed, a student shall complete any
21 remaining required behind-the-wheel instruction.

22 (v) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
23 may receive instruction while operating a motor vehicle at a
24 multiple vehicle driving facility. One hour of instruction received
25 at a multiple vehicle driving facility may substitute as credit for
26 1 hour of behind-the-wheel experience. A maximum of 2 hours of
27 behind-the-wheel experience can be substituted with instruction
28 received at a multiple vehicle driving facility.

29 (c) A student ~~shall~~**must** receive 4 or more hours of ~~behind-~~

1 ~~the wheel~~-observation time.

2 (2) A driver education provider classified for teen driver
3 training shall not substitute behind-the-wheel instruction with
4 multiple vehicle driving facility experience until the secretary of
5 state gives the provider written approval for that substitution as
6 provided in this act.

7 (3) A driver education provider classified for teen driver
8 training shall not substitute behind-the-wheel driving experience
9 with simulator device training.

10 (4) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Integrated" means ~~classroom and behind-the-wheel~~
12 ~~instruction~~ scheduled to include a mix of classroom and behind-the-
13 wheel instruction throughout the duration of the driver education
14 course, except as otherwise provided in this section.

15 (b) "Observation time" means the time a student in a driver
16 education course sits in the rear seat of a vehicle and observes
17 another student in the front seat behind the wheel operating the
18 controls of the vehicle, responding to driving situations, and with
19 an instructor sitting in the front seat.

20 (5) This section ~~shall be known and~~ may be cited as the
21 "Nathan Bower act".