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H.B. No. 1313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a Texas Department of Transportation approved driver
3 education course conducted by a person with legal authority to act
4 in place of a parent or legal guardian.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 521.205(a), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The department by rule shall provide for approval of a
9 driver education course conducted by the parent, stepparent, legal
10 guardian or other person with legal authority to act in place of the
11 parent or legal guardian, step-grandparent, or grandparent of a
12 person who is required to complete a driver education course to
13 obtain a Class C license. The rules must provide that:

14 (1) the person conducting the course be a licensed
15 driver;

16 (2) the student driver spend a minimum number of hours
17 in:

18 (A) classroom instruction; and

19 (B) behind-the-wheel instruction;

20 (3) the person conducting the course not be convicted
21 of:

22 (A) criminally negligent homicide; or

23 (B) driving while intoxicated; and

24 (4) the person conducting the course not be disabled

1 because of mental illness.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.