

Amend CSHB 339 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike the heading of Section 1001.101, Education Code, (page 1, lines 28 and 29) and substitute:

Sec. 1001.101. ADULT AND MINOR DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS.

(2) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Subsection (a), Section 1001.101, Education Code, between "course" and the comma (page 1, line 31) insert "for minors and adults".

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subsection (d), Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) If the applicant is under 21 [~~25~~] years of age, the application must state whether the applicant has completed a driver education course required by Section 521.1601 [~~approved by the department~~].

SECTION _____. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 521.1601 and 521.167 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.1601. DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIRED. The department may not issue a driver's license to a person who is younger than 21 years of age unless the person submits to the department a driver education certificate issued under Chapter 1001, Education Code, that states that the person has completed and passed:

(1) a driver education and traffic safety course approved by the Texas Education Agency under Section 29.902, Education Code, or a driver education course approved by that agency under Section 1001.101 of that code or approved by the department under Section 521.205; or

(2) if the person is 18 years of age or older, a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency under Section 1001.101 or 1001.1015, Education Code.

Sec. 521.167. WAIVER OF CERTAIN EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS. A person who has completed and passed a driver

education course approved by the Texas Education Agency under Section 1001.1015, Education Code, is not required to take the highway sign and traffic law parts of the examination required under Section 521.161 if those parts have been successfully completed as determined by a licensed driver education instructor.

SECTION _____. Section 1001.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.004. COST OF ADMINISTERING CHAPTER. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the ~~[The]~~ cost of administering this chapter shall be included in the state budget allowance for the agency.

(b) The commissioner may charge a fee to each driver education school in an amount not to exceed the actual expense incurred in the regulation of driver education courses established under Section 1001.1015.

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 1001.055, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall print and supply to each licensed or exempt driver education school driver education certificates to be used for certifying completion of an approved driver education course to satisfy the requirements of Sections ~~[Section]~~ 521.204(a)(2) and 521.1601, Transportation Code. The certificates must be numbered serially.

SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.1015 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.1015. ADULT DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE CURRICULUM AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. (a) The commissioner by rule shall establish the curriculum and designate the educational materials to be used in a driver education course exclusively for adults.

(b) A driver education course under Subsection (a) must:

(1) be a six-hour course; and

(2) include instruction in:

(A) alcohol and drug awareness;

(B) the traffic laws of this state;

(C) highway signs, signals, and markings that regulate, warn, or direct traffic; and

(D) the issues commonly associated with motor

vehicle accidents, including poor decision-making, risk taking, impaired driving, distraction, speed, failure to use a safety belt, driving at night, failure to yield the right-of-way, and using a wireless communication device while operating a vehicle.

(c) A course approved under Subsection (a) may be offered as an online course.

(d) A driving safety course or a drug and alcohol driving awareness program may not be approved as a driver education course under Subsection (a).

SECTION _____. The changes in law made by Section 521.142, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, and Sections 521.1601 and 521.167, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, apply to an application for the issuance of a driver's license filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for the issuance of a driver's license filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the filing, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.