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S.B. No. 848

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for a driver education course provider or instructor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.112(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by rule shall provide for approval of a driver education course conducted by the parent, stepparent, foster parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or step-grandparent of a person who is required to complete a driver education course to obtain a Class C license. The rules must provide that the student driver spend a minimum number of hours in classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction and that the person conducting the course:

(1) possess a valid license for the preceding three years that has not been suspended, revoked, or forfeited in the past three years for an offense that involves the operation of a motor vehicle;

(2) has not been convicted of:

(A) criminally negligent homicide; or

(B) driving while intoxicated within seven years of the date on which the person requests approval to conduct a driver education course under this section; and

(3) ~~[is not disabled because of mental illness; and~~

1 ~~[(4)]~~ does not have six or more points assigned to the
2 person's driver's license under Subchapter B, Chapter 708,
3 Transportation Code, at the time the person begins conducting the
4 course.

5 SECTION 2. Section 1001.209(a), Education Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) Before a course provider may be issued a license, the
8 course provider must provide a corporate surety bond in the amount
9 of \$10,000 ~~[\$25,000]~~.

10 SECTION 3. Section 1001.304(a), Education Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (a) An application to renew a driver education instructor or
13 driving safety instructor license must include evidence of
14 completion of continuing education ~~[and be postmarked at least 30~~
15 ~~days before the expiration date of the license]~~.

16 SECTION 4. Section 521.205(a), Transportation Code, as
17 amended by Chapter 567 (H.B. 2708), Acts of the 84th Legislature,
18 Regular Session, 2015, is repealed to conform to the repeal of
19 Section 521.205, Transportation Code, by Chapter 1044 (H.B. 1786),
20 Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.