

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1051
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2017; March 6, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
1-4 March 23, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 23, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Nichols	X		
1-10	Hall	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Garcia	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Hinojosa	X		
1-15	Kolkhorst	X		
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	Rodríguez	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1051 By: Hall

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the accommodation of a deaf or hard of hearing student
1-22 in driver education; authorizing a fee.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 1001.059 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 1001.059. DEPARTMENT DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE FOR DEAF
1-27 OR HARD OF HEARING STUDENTS. (a) The department shall:

1-28 (1) create a driver education course for minors and
1-29 adults that presents the course curriculum in American Sign
1-30 Language; and

1-31 (2) make the course described by Subdivision (1)
1-32 available on the department's Internet website.

1-33 (b) The department may collaborate with another state
1-34 agency to create the course.

1-35 (c) The commission by rule shall establish a fee for the
1-36 course. The fee established under this section:

1-37 (1) is in addition to a fee charged for a certificate
1-38 for the course; and

1-39 (2) must be in an amount that is:

1-40 (A) not more than an amount necessary to cover
1-41 the cost of creating and administering the course; and

1-42 (B) not more than the average cost of an online
1-43 driver education course provided in this state, as determined by
1-44 the commission.

1-45 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is
1-46 amended by adding Section 1001.1016 to read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 1001.1016. ACCOMMODATION FOR DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING
1-48 STUDENTS. (a) In this section:

1-49 (1) "Deaf" means a hearing loss of such severity that
1-50 an individual must depend on visual methods to communicate.

1-51 (2) "Hard of hearing" means a loss of hearing function
1-52 to an individual such that the individual:

1-53 (A) relies on residual hearing; and

1-54 (B) may depend on visual methods to communicate.

1-55 (b) The commission by rule shall require a driver education
1-56 school providing a driver education course to:

1-57 (1) in the manner described by the Americans with
1-58 Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), make
1-59 reasonable modifications and provide aids and services when
1-60 providing the classroom portion of the course that are necessary to

2-1 ensure that a student who is deaf or hard of hearing may fully
 2-2 participate in the course; and
 2-3 (2) provide to the department the school's plan for
 2-4 complying with the rules adopted under this section as a condition
 2-5 of obtaining a license under Section 1001.211 or renewing a license
 2-6 under Section 1001.303.
 2-7 (c) The rules adopted under Subsection (b) must allow a
 2-8 driver education school to comply with the requirements of this
 2-9 section by playing a video that presents the classroom portion of
 2-10 the driver education course in a manner that complies with the
 2-11 requirements of this section.

2-12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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