

Subject Driver's education
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Overview

This bill allows school districts to pay at least part of the cost of a driver education course on behalf of a student, and requires the commissioner to reimburse districts for such payments. The bill also establishes a work group to study driver education availability and recommend changes to increase access to driver education courses.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>School boards may require fees.</p> <p>Reduces a fee charged by a school district to a student for driver education by an amount received on behalf of the student under the proposed section on driver education grants.</p>
2	<p>Driver education grants.</p> <p>Allows a school district to enroll a student in a driver education course provided by the school district or another provider and pay a portion of the costs of enrollment on behalf of the student. The amount paid on behalf of the student may be on a sliding scale based on family income. Allows the provider to charge a fee to the student for the remaining cost of the program. Requires the commissioner of education to reimburse school districts for the amounts paid by the district to driver education program providers. Appropriates annually the amounts necessary for the commissioner to reimburse districts for driver education programs.</p>
3	<p>Report; driver education.</p> <p>Requires a work group to study driver education availability in Minnesota. Requires the work group to report to the legislature on the current status of driver education courses, and recommend changes to increase student access to driver education courses and a permanent funding mechanism to expand the availability of driver education courses to low-income students.</p>



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