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Bill Summary

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This bill modifies two requirements for when a person under age 18 can obtain an instruction permit, along with technical changes. First, it allows issuance of a permit to someone who has not yet completed the classroom phase of driver's education but:

- is enrolled in an approved driver's education program that uses simulation or behind-the-wheel instruction; and
- completes at least 15 hours of classroom instruction.

Under current law, someone younger than 18 must have completed the classroom phase in order to be eligible for an instruction permit.

Second, the bill modifies the set and order of precedence of adults who can approve the application for an instruction permit. (Such approval is one of the statutory requirements for obtaining the permit.)