

House Bill 953

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for driver education courses and instructional requirements; to amend Part 2 of  
2 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
3 competencies and core curriculum, so as to require certain secondary schools to offer courses  
4 in driver education; to amend Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia  
5 Annotated, relating to persons not to be licensed, minimum ages for licensees, and school  
6 attendance requirements, so as to require a person under 21 years of age to complete a driver  
7 education course before obtaining a driver's license; to require driver education and  
8 instruction as conditions for issuing drivers' licenses to certain persons; to amend Chapter  
9 13 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instructors in driver  
10 training and operators of driver training schools, so as to change certain provisions relating  
11 to definitions; to change certain provisions relating to exceptions to the operation of said  
12 chapter; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

14 **SECTION 1.**

15 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
16 relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by adding a new Code Section  
17 20-2-148 to read as follows:

18 "20-2-148.

19 On and after July 1, 2003, all schools with grade 11 or above shall make available a driver  
20 education course approved under subsection (a.2) of Code Section 40-5-22 which shall be  
21 offered not less than once each academic semester or quarter, as applicable, in accordance  
22 with any applicable requirements under Chapter 13 of Title 43, "The Driver Training  
23 School License Act."



**SECTION 4.**

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2 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 43-13-10, relating to exceptions  
3 to the operation of said chapter, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code  
4 Section 43-13-10 to read as follows:

5 "43-13-10.

6 (a) This chapter shall not apply to a college conducting a driver training course; nor shall  
7 it apply to driver improvement schools operated by the state or by a county or municipality,  
8 except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this Code section.

9 (b) The provisions of this chapter other than paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-13-4 shall  
10 apply to secondary schools conducting driver training courses and to instructors therefor."

**SECTION 5.**

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12 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2003, except that this Act shall become effective  
13 for purposes of promulgating rules or regulations upon approval of this Act by the Governor  
14 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 6.**

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16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.