

House Bill 721 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

By: Representatives Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup> and Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver  
3 Services shall authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road  
4 driving skills testing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination of  
9 applicants, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

10 "(d)(1) The department shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct  
11 knowledge tests, on-the-road driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of  
12 a driver's license as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to approving  
13 a licensed driver training school to conduct tests as provided in this subsection, make a  
14 determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum of ~~two~~ five years and has  
15 conducted driver education courses on a full-time basis for such ~~two-year~~ five-year  
16 period and that such school meets all other standards which the department may establish  
17 as a condition for approval to conduct such tests; provided, however, that any licensed  
18 driver training school approved by the department to conduct knowledge tests,  
19 on-the-road driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of a driver's license  
20 as provided in this subsection prior to July 1, 2018, shall be authorized to continue to  
21 provide such tests and shall be exempt from such minimum ten-year period. The  
22 department shall authorize a driver training school licensed pursuant to Chapter 13 of  
23 Title 43 and approved by the department to administer the on-the-road driving skills  
24 testing provided for in this Code section, provided that the applicant has successfully  
25 completed;

26 (A) A a driver training course which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of  
27 instruction and six hours of private in-car training;

28 (B) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a  
29 minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of private in-car instruction  
30 provided by a driver training school licensed to provide such in-car training;

31 (C) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a  
32 minimum of 30 hours of instruction and the 40 hour parent taught in-car curriculum  
33 provided for and approved by the department; and

34 (D) A classroom driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of  
35 a minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of in-car instruction  
36 provided by the licensed driver training school administering the on-the-road driving  
37 skills test.

38 (2) The department may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or  
39 demonstrations to be made by applicants for any Class P instruction permit, Class C  
40 driver's license, or Class D driver's license under this Code section.

41 ~~(2)~~(3) The department may authorize public and private high schools to conduct  
42 knowledge tests required for issuance of a Class P instruction permit or Class D driver's  
43 license or both."

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## SECTION 2.

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