

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1020:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and  
2 traffic, so as to reduce the number of required hours in the intervention component of DUI  
3 Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs; to allow licensed driver training schools to  
4 conduct on-the-road testing; to provide for eligibility for limited driving permits; to provide  
5 for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
10 amended in Code Section 40-5-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (10) as  
11 follows:

12 "(10) 'Intervention component' means a program which delivers therapeutic education  
13 about alcohol and drug use and driving and peer group counseling concerning alcohol and  
14 drug use over a period of ~~20~~ 16 hours utilizing a methodology and curriculum approved  
15 and certified by the Department of Driver Services for the DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk  
16 Reduction Programs under subsection (e) of Code Section 40-5-83."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-27, relating to examination of applicants  
19 for drivers' licenses, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

20 "(d)(1) The department shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct  
21 knowledge tests, on-the-road driving ~~skills~~ tests, and other tests required for issuance of  
22 a driver's license as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to approving  
23 a licensed driver training school to conduct tests as provided in this subsection, make a  
24 determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum of two years and has  
25 conducted driver education courses on a full-time basis for such two-year period and that

26 such school meets all other standards which the department may establish as a condition  
 27 for approval to conduct such tests. The department shall authorize a driver training  
 28 school licensed pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 43 and approved by the department to  
 29 administer the on-the-road driving skills testing provided for in this Code section,  
 30 provided that ~~the~~ an applicant who completes driver training instruction with a driver  
 31 training school shall be limited to testing provided by such school. ~~has successfully~~  
 32 ~~completed:~~

33 ~~(A)(i) A classroom or online driver training course licensed by the department and~~  
 34 ~~which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of instruction, and~~

35 ~~(ii) Six hours of private in-car instruction provided by a licensed instructor employed~~  
 36 ~~by the licensed driver training school administering such on-the-road driving skills~~  
 37 ~~test.~~

38 ~~(B) For any applicant 18 years of age or older, a minimum of six hours of private in-car~~  
 39 ~~instruction provided by a licensed instructor employed by the licensed driver training~~  
 40 ~~school administering such on-the-road driving skills test.~~

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

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

### 47 SECTION 3.

48 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-64, relating to limited driving permits for  
 49 certain offenders, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

50 "(a) **To whom issued.**

51 (1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Code section or Code Section  
 52 40-5-57, 40-5-63, ~~40-5-75~~, 40-5-121, or 42-8-111, any person who has not been  
 53 previously convicted or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of Code Section 40-6-391  
 54 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions  
 55 were obtained or pleas of nolo contendere were accepted to the date of the current arrest,  
 56 may apply for a limited driving permit when that person's driver's license had a  
 57 suspension imposed prior to July 1, 2015, under Code Section 40-5-22 or that person's  
 58 driver's license has been suspended in accordance with subsection (d) of Code Section  
 59 40-5-57, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-63, paragraph (1) of  
 60 subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-67.2, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section  
 61 40-5-75, or subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-57.1, when the person is 18 years of age

62 or older and his or her license was suspended for exceeding the speed limit by 24 miles  
63 per hour or more but less than 34 miles per hour, and the sentencing judge, in his or her  
64 discretion, decides it is reasonable to issue a limited driving permit."

65 **SECTION 4.**

66 This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2020, and shall apply to offenses committed  
67 on or after that date.

68 **SECTION 5.**

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