



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1292/1	Introduction Number	SB-313	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Driver education instruction and driver's license examinations					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must approve driver education courses offered by school districts, county children with disabilities education boards, and technical college districts. DPI must also establish minimum standards for driver education courses offered by private driver schools. DPI may not approve a driver education course or establish driver education course standards unless the course or standards, among other things, provides instruction relating to safely dealing with the hazards posed by machinery and animals on highways and by railroad highway grade crossings, passing stopped emergency vehicles, and the hazards of text messaging while driving.

Under current law, the Technical College System Board (TCSB) must approve courses of study for each program offered in technical college district schools, including driver education courses. TCSB may not approve a driver education course unless the course, among other things, includes instruction relating to the same topics described above. The Department of Transportation (DOT) licenses private driver schools and DOT may not license a driver school unless its course of instruction includes the content required for TCSB approval of a driver education course.

Under this bill, all approved driver education courses must provide each student with instruction in proper procedures for attaching a trailer to a motor vehicle.

Local: The cost of changing a district's, county children with disabilities education board's, and technical college district's curriculum to provide instruction on attaching a trailer to a motor vehicle is indeterminate. It is unknown how many districts and boards already incorporate instruction in this subject area and would not have to change their curriculum. The local fiscal effect will vary and is indeterminate.

State: The department's driver education consultant may be asked to provide instructional assistance to local school districts to help them comply with the law. In addition, the department may send a bulletin to school districts informing them of the change in the law. The cost of performing these tasks is indeterminate and could be absorbed by the department.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications