



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 SENATE BILL 396

August 25, 2023 - Introduced by Senators KNODL, TAYLOR, BRADLEY, CARPENTER, COWLES, JAMES, L. JOHNSON, MARKLEIN and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives DONOVAN, BALDEH, CABRERA, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, DRAKE, GOYKE, GUNDRUM, S. JOHNSON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, OHNSTAD, PETERSEN and SCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1     **AN ACT to create** 85.27 of the statutes; **relating to:** a driver education grant  
2             program.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to establish a driver education grant program under which it may provide grants to a person enrolled or seeking to be enrolled in a driver education course or a provider of such a course. The amount of a grant under this program may not exceed the cost to the person of the course of driver education in which the person is enrolled or seeking to be enrolled or the cost to the provider of providing driver education to persons under 20 years of age enrolled in the provider's course.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 85.27 of the statutes is created to read:

4             **85.27 Driver education grant program.** (1) The department shall  
5             establish and administer a driver education grant program. Under the program,

**SENATE BILL 396****SECTION 1**

1 from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eq), the department may provide grants  
2 to any of the following, upon application:

3 (a) A person who satisfies all of the following:

4 1. The person is enrolled or seeking to be enrolled in a course of driver education  
5 provided by any of the following:

6 a. A public school providing a course in driver education approved by the  
7 department of public instruction or the department of transportation.

8 b. A technical college providing a course in driver education approved by the  
9 technical college system board.

10 c. A nonpublic or private school or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m),  
11 providing a course in driver education that meets the minimum standards set by the  
12 department of public instruction.

13 d. A school licensed by the department under s. 343.61.

14 2. The person satisfies the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price  
15 lunch in the federal school lunch program under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1).

16 (b) A provider of a course in driver education that satisfies all of the following:

17 1. The provider is any of the following:

18 a. A public school providing a course in driver education approved by the  
19 department of public instruction or department of transportation.

20 b. A technical college providing a course in driver education approved by the  
21 technical college system board.

22 c. A nonpublic or private school or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m),  
23 providing a course in driver education that meets the minimum standards set by the  
24 department of public instruction.

25 d. A school licensed by the department under s. 343.61.

