

State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Bill 394

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 86

AN ACT *to create* 85.27 of the statutes; **relating to:** a driver education grant program and granting rule-making authority.

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

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

85.27 Driver education grant program. (1) The department shall establish and administer a driver education grant program. Under the program, from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (eq), the department may provide grants to a provider of a course in driver education that satisfies all of the following:

(a) The provider is any of the following:

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

2. A technical college providing a course in driver education approved by the technical college system board.

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

4. A school licensed by the department under s. 343.61.

(b) The provider provides classroom or behind-the-wheel driver instruction or both.

(2) (a) The department may provide a grant under sub. (1) solely for the purpose of funding a course in driver education for a specified individual who satisfies the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1).

(b) The department may provide a grant under sub. (1) solely for courses in driver education that are designed to result in an individual obtaining an initial operator's license authorizing the operation of only "Class D" vehicles.

(3) The amount of a grant under sub. (1) may not exceed the cost that would have been incurred by the individual under sub. (2) (a) in taking the course in driver education.

(4) The department may promulgate rules necessary to implement this section.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."