

HB 1452-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1452-FN***

AN ACT relative to parent-taught driver education as an alternative to traditional driver education programs.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Prout, Hills. 13; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the commissioner to waive the driver education course requirement for youth operator license applicants if a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult provides equivalent instruction and training.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Original and Youth Operators' Licenses. Amend RSA 263:14, II(a) to read as follows:

2 II.(a) The director shall issue a youth operator's license to applicants who are 16 years of age
3 or older and under 21 years of age. The youth operator license shall expire on the 21st anniversary
4 of the applicant's date of birth. In addition to any other requirements established by law, no such
5 license shall be issued to applicants under 18 years of age unless the applicant meets the
6 requirements of RSA 263:17 or furnishes written consent from the applicant's parent or legal
7 guardian and *either* a certificate of successful completion of a driver education course as provided in
8 RSA 263:19 *or a waiver as provided in RSA 263:19, V.*

9 2 New Paragraph; Driver Education. Amend RSA 263:19 by inserting after paragraph IV the
10 following new paragraph:

11 V. The commissioner may waive the driver education course requirement if a father, mother,
12 or guardian of the applicant, or in the event there is no parent or guardian, another responsible
13 adult, submits proof that the father, mother, or guardian of the applicant, or in the event there is no
14 parent or guardian, another responsible adult, who has a valid New Hampshire driver's license, has
15 provided classroom instruction and behind the wheel training that is equivalent to an approved
16 driver education course.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1452-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$134,000	\$138,000	\$145,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Restricted - Highway Fund Cost of Collections - Per the state constitution, costs associated with the collection/administration of highway fund revenue by the Department of Safety is deducted prior to funds being credited as unrestricted highway fund revenue			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill authorizes the Department of Safety to establish a waiver for the driver education course requirement if a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult provides equivalent training and instruction. The Department states it would need one new attorney position to manage this workload, develop standardized review protocols, and support program oversight and rulemaking. The estimated cost for this position would be \$134,000 in FY 2027, \$138,000 in FY 2028, and \$145,000 in FY 2029. It should be noted that this bill provides neither authorization nor appropriation for new personnel.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety