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Short Title: Driver Education COVID-19 Response.

(Public)

Sponsors:

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May 26, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DRIVER EDUCATION  
COURSEWORK INTERRUPTED BY SCHOOL CLOSURES IN THE SPRING  
SEMESTER OF 2020 AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO  
TEMPORARILY WAIVE THE ROAD TEST REQUIREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-215(b)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and  
G.S. 115C-216, and the requirements of State Board of Education Policy DRIV-0004, for  
students enrolled in classroom driver education between January 2020 and March 16, 2020, in a  
public school or a licensed commercial driver training school, students shall be deemed to have  
completed all classroom instruction requirements for driver education if the student completed  
at least 15 hours of classroom instruction prior to March 16, 2020. A student who has not  
completed at least 15 hours of classroom instruction may be offered the opportunity to take and  
pass the proficiency examination developed by the Department of Public Instruction, as provided  
in the State Board of Education Policy DRIV-0004, to waive the classroom instruction  
requirement. All students enrolled in driver education in the spring semester of 2020 shall be  
required to complete a minimum of six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction before being issued  
a North Carolina Driver Education Completion Certificate. Public schools are authorized to  
resume driver education programs in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of  
Public Instruction.

**SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 20-11(d)(3), the Division of Motor Vehicles  
shall waive the requirement that an applicant pass a road test in order to obtain a limited  
provisional license if the applicant meets all other requirements for the limited provisional  
license.

**SECTION 2.(b)** This section expires when the Division resumes administering  
regularly scheduled road tests but no later than 180 days from the effective date of this act.

**SECTION 3.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in  
nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to develop and maintain a list of those  
individuals issued a limited provisional license following waiver of the road test, as provided in  
Section 2 of this act.

**SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

**SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
law.

