

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Department of Public Safety is required, by rule, to provide for approval of a driver education course conducted by the parent or legal guardian of a student driver. An amendment was passed last session allowing home school teachers to teach their students how to drive. As a result, any parent or guardian can obtain a driver's training course by mail and certify a child as being able to drive on the public roads and interstates. S.B. 284 prohibits a driver education course from being conducted by a parent or guardian of a student driver.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 284 prohibits a driver education course from being conducted by a parent or legal guardian of a student driver.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.204, Transportation Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section Chapter 521J, Transportation Code, to conform to Section 30, Chapter 1009, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, by adding Section 521.205, to prohibit, rather than to require by rule, the Department of Public Safety (department) from providing for approval of a driver education course conducted by the parent or legal guardian of a person who is required to complete a driver education course to obtain a Class C license. Deletes requirements for the rules, and prohibitions for the department, regarding a driver education course. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 521.222(a), Transportation Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 521.223(b), Transportation Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Provides that this Act conforms the Transportation Code to changes in law made by Chapters 1009 and 260, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995.

SECTION 6. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 7. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 8. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.