

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, driver education and driving safety courses are not required to include information relating to alcohol awareness and the effect of alcohol on the effective operation of a motor vehicle. H.B. 1224 requires the Texas Education Agency (agency) to require that information relating to alcohol awareness and that the effect of alcohol on the effective operation of a motor vehicle be included in the curriculum of any driver education or driving safety course governed by Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Act. In addition, this bill requires the agency to consult with the Department of Public Safety in developing those rules.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1224 requires that alcohol awareness information be included in the curriculum of certain drivers education and driving safety courses.

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 4, Article 4413(29c), V.T.C.S. (Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Act), to require the Texas Education Agency (agency), by rule, that information relating to alcohol awareness and the effect of alcohol on the effective operation of a motor vehicle be included in the curriculum of any driver education or driving safety course that is governed by this article. Requires the agency to consult with the Department of Public Safety in developing those rules.

SECTION 2. Requires the agency to adopt the rules specified by Section 4(c), Article 4413(29c), V.T.C.S. (Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Act), as added by Section 1 of this Act, no later than January 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.