BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, children may receive driver education instruction from certain family members, rather than attending a certified public or commercial driver education program. As proposed, S.B. 946 requires a student who receives driver education instruction from a family member to pass a driving test administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety before being issued a Class C license, and to pay a fee to cover the costs of administering the test.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.165, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (d), to provide that this section does not allow the director of public safety (director) to waive a driving test for an applicant who has completed a driver education course approved by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) under Section 521.205.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 521.205(d), Transportation Code, to provide that completion of a driver education course approved under this section has the same effect as completion of a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency, except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 521.421, Transportation Code, by adding Subsections (i) and (j), as follows:

> (i) Requires an applicant applying for original issuance of a provisional license who has completed a driver education course under Section 521.205 to pay a $5 examination fee for the examination required under Section 521.205(b)(2).

> (j) Requires the fee collected under Subsection (i) to be deposited to the credit of a special account in the general revenue fund and requires that the fee only be used by DPS for the administration of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.
        Makes application of this Act prospective.