

1 AN ACT with regard to education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 27-23 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-23) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-23)

7 Sec. 27-23. Motor Vehicle Code. The curriculum in all  
8 public schools shall include a course dealing with the  
9 content of Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Illinois  
10 Vehicle Code, the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to  
11 those Chapters insofar as they pertain to the operation of  
12 motor vehicles, and the portions of the Litter Control Act  
13 relating to the operation of motor vehicles. Instruction  
14 shall be given in safety education in each grade, 1 through  
15 8, equivalent to 1 class period each week, and in at least 1  
16 of the years in grades 10 through 12. The course of  
17 instruction required of each eligible student at the high  
18 school level shall consist of a minimum of 30 clock hours of  
19 classroom instruction taught by a certified high school  
20 teacher who has acquired special qualifications as required  
21 for participation under the terms of Section 27-24.2 of this  
22 Act. Each school district maintaining grades 9 through 12:  
23 (i) shall provide the classroom course for each public and  
24 non-public high school student resident of the school  
25 district who either has received a passing grade in at least  
26 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters or has received a  
27 waiver of that requirement from the local superintendent of  
28 schools (with respect to a public high school student) or  
29 chief school administrator (with respect to a non-public high  
30 school student), as provided in Section 27-24.2, and for each  
31 out-of-school resident of the district between the age of 15

1 and 21 years who requests the classroom course, and (ii) may  
2 provide such classroom course for any resident of the  
3 district over age 55 who requests the classroom course, but  
4 only if space therein remains available after all eligible  
5 public and non-public high school student residents and  
6 out-of-school residents between the age of 15 and 21 who  
7 request such course have registered therefor, and only if  
8 such resident of the district over age 55 has not previously  
9 been licensed as a driver under the laws of this or any other  
10 state or country. Each school district (i) shall provide an  
11 approved course in practice driving consisting of a minimum  
12 of 6 clock hours of individual behind-the-wheel instruction  
13 or its equivalent in a car, as determined by the State Board  
14 of Education, for each eligible resident of the district  
15 between the age of 15 and 21 years who has started an  
16 approved high school classroom driver education course on  
17 request, and (ii) may provide such approved course in  
18 practice driving for any resident of the district over age 55  
19 on request and without regard to whether or not such resident  
20 has started any high school classroom driver education  
21 course, but only if space therein remains available after all  
22 eligible residents of the district between the ages of 15 and  
23 21 years who have started an approved classroom driver  
24 education course and who request such course in practice  
25 driving have registered therefor, and only if such resident  
26 of the district over age 55 has not previously been licensed  
27 as a driver under the laws of this or any other state or  
28 country. Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board  
29 of Education, the district may charge a reasonable fee, not  
30 to exceed \$50, to students who participate in the course,  
31 unless a student is unable to pay for such a course, in which  
32 event the fee for such a student shall be waived; provided,  
33 that if a district provides the classroom or practice driving  
34 course or both of such courses to any residents of the

1 district over age 55, the district may charge such residents  
2 a fee in any amount up to but not exceeding the actual cost  
3 of the course or courses in which such residents participate.  
4 The course of instruction given in grades 10 through 12 shall  
5 include an emphasis on the development of knowledge,  
6 attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation  
7 of motor vehicles including motorcycles insofar as they can  
8 be taught in the classroom, and in addition the course shall  
9 include instruction on special hazards existing at, and  
10 required extra safety and driving precautions that must be  
11 observed at, emergency situations, highway construction and  
12 maintenance zones, and railroad crossings and the approaches  
13 thereto.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-360; 88-188.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.