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# HOUSE BILL No. 1351

DIGEST OF HB 1351 (Updated February 14, 2005 5:42 pm - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-27.

**Synopsis:** Standards for driver training instructors. Requires an individual to: (1) complete nine college semester hours in driver education courses; and (2) be at least 21 years of age upon completion of the driver education courses; to receive a commercial driver training instructor's license. (Current law requires the individual to complete 12 semester hours in driver education courses, including three hours of student teaching.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 17, 2005, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-27-4-5.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 5.5. (a) To receive an  
 3 instructor's license under subsection (d), an individual must complete  
 4 at least sixty (60) semester hours at a college. The individual must:  
 5 (1) complete at least ~~twelve (12)~~ **nine (9)** semester hours in driver  
 6 education courses; ~~of which three (3) semester hours must consist~~  
 7 ~~of supervised student teaching experience under the direction of~~  
 8 ~~an individual who has:~~  
 9 ~~(1) a driver and traffic safety education endorsement issued by the~~  
 10 ~~professional standards board established by IC 20-1-1.4; and~~  
 11 ~~(2) be at least five (5) **twenty-one (21)** years of teaching~~  
 12 ~~experience in driver education; age upon completion of the~~  
 13 ~~driver education courses required by subdivision (1).~~  
 14 (b) The ~~three (3)~~ semester hours of supervised student teaching  
 15 experience required under subsection (a) may only be undertaken by an  
 16 individual who will be at least ~~twenty-one (21)~~ years of age upon  
 17 completion and may only be performed at a high school, a commercial

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1 driving school, or the college providing the courses for the individual  
2 to become an instructor. The remaining nine (9) hours of driver  
3 education courses required under subsection (a) (a)(1) must include a  
4 combination of theoretical and behind-the-wheel instruction that is  
5 consistent with nationally accepted standards in traffic safety.

6 (c) The driver education semester hours required under subsection  
7 (a) (a)(1) do not satisfy the requirements of subsection (d) or (e) unless  
8 the driver education curriculum is approved by the commission for  
9 higher education.

10 (d) The bureau shall issue an instructor's license to an individual  
11 who satisfies all of the following:

- 12 (1) The individual meets the requirements of subsection (a).
- 13 (2) The individual does not have more than the maximum number
- 14 of points for violating traffic laws specified by the bureau by rules
- 15 adopted under IC 4-22-2.
- 16 (3) The individual has a good moral character, physical condition,
- 17 knowledge of the rules of the road, and work history. The bureau
- 18 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that specify the requirements,
- 19 including requirements about criminal convictions, necessary to
- 20 satisfy the conditions of this subdivision.

21 (e) The bureau shall issue an instructor's license to an individual  
22 who:

- 23 (1) during 1995, held an instructor's license;
- 24 (2) meets the requirements of subsection (d)(2) and (d)(3); and
- 25 (3) completes the twelve (12) semester hours of driver education
- 26 courses required under subsection (a) (a)(1) not later than July 1,
- 27 1999.

28 However, an individual who has acted as an instructor for at least two  
29 (2) years before January 1, 1996, is not required to complete the  
30 requirements of subdivision (3) in order to receive an instructor's  
31 license under this subsection.

32 (f) The bureau shall issue an instructor's license to an individual  
33 who:

- 34 (1) holds a driver and traffic safety education endorsement issued
- 35 by the professional standards board established under IC 20-1-1.4;
- 36 and
- 37 (2) meets the requirements of subsection (d)(2) and (d)(3).

38 (g) Only an individual who holds an instructor's license issued by  
39 the bureau under subsection (d), (e), or (f) may act as an instructor.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1351, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DUNCAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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