

1 1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles.--
2 (1) A course of study and instruction in the safe and
3 lawful operation of a motor vehicle shall be made available by
4 each district school board to students in the secondary
5 schools in the state. As used in this section, the term "motor
6 vehicle" shall have the same meaning as in s. 320.01(1)(a) and
7 shall include motorcycles and mopeds. The course must include
8 classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel training, except
9 that instruction in motorcycle or moped operation may be
10 limited to classroom instruction. The course shall not be made
11 a part of, or a substitute for, any of the minimum
12 requirements for graduation.
13 (2) In order to make such a course available to any
14 secondary school student, the district school board may use
15 any one of the following procedures or any combination
16 thereof:
17 (a) Utilize instructional personnel employed by the
18 district school board.
19 (b) Contract with a commercial driving school licensed
20 under the provisions of chapter 488.
21 (c) Contract with an instructor certified under the
22 provisions of chapter 488.
23 (3)(a) District school boards shall earn funds on
24 full-time equivalent students at the appropriate basic program
25 cost factor, regardless of the method by which such courses
26 are offered.
27 (b) For the purpose of financing the Driver Education
28 Program in the secondary schools, there shall be levied an
29 additional 50 cents per year to the driver's license fee
30 required by s. 322.21. The additional fee shall be promptly
31 remitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor

1 Vehicles, which shall transmit the fee to the Chief Financial
2 Officer to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

3 (c) A board of county commissioners may use funds
4 received pursuant to s. 318.1215 to supplement funds for
5 driver education courses in public and nonpublic schools as
6 provided in s. 318.1215.

7 (4) The district school board shall prescribe
8 standards for the course required by this section and for
9 instructional personnel directly employed by the district
10 school board. Any certified instructor or licensed commercial
11 driving school shall be deemed sufficiently qualified and
12 shall not be required to meet any standards in lieu of or in
13 addition to those prescribed under chapter 488.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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