By Senator Ring

32-1963-07 See HB 757

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to driver education; creating s. 322.093, F.S.; requiring minors to complete 3 4 a driver education course prior to issuance of 5 a driver's license; providing that the course 6 may be given by a public secondary school, 7 nonpublic school, or commercial driving school meeting specified requirements; requiring the 8 9 school to issue a certificate to a student who 10 successfully completes the course; amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; providing instruction and 11 12 training requirements for driver education 13 courses; providing for the use of certain funds; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Section 322.093, Florida Statutes, is 18 created to read: 19 322.093 Driver education for minors. -- The department 20 21 may not issue a driver's license to a person who has not 22 attained 18 years of age unless the person has successfully 23 completed a driver education course of instruction in the operation of motor vehicles given by a public secondary school 2.4 in compliance with s. 1003.48, a nonpublic school meeting the 25 standards prescribed under s. 1003.48, or a commercial driving 26 27 school licensed under chapter 488. The school shall issue a 2.8 certificate to each student who successfully completes the 29 driver education course. 30 Section 2. Section 1003.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 31

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1003.48 Instruction in operation of motor vehicles.--

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

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

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

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

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