**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A126, R133, S947**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Senators Grooms, Climer and Garrett

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Governor's Action: April 4, 2022, Signed

Summary: Driver training schools

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/11/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj\20220111.docx))

1/11/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj\20220111.docx))

1/25/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220125.docx))

1/26/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

1/27/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted

1/27/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220127.docx))

1/27/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑33 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220127.docx))

1/27/2022 Senate Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220127.docx))

1/28/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\sj\20220128.docx))

1/31/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

2/1/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220201.docx))

2/1/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220201.docx))

2/24/2022 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\hj\20220224.docx))

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3/2/2022 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Hiott, Carter, Forrest, Hixon, Calhoon, McCabe, Blackwell, Dabney, GR Smith, Bryant, Ligon, VS Moss, Hewitt, Finlay, Daning, McCravy, MM Smith, Fry, Rose, Whitmire, Gilliam and Yow ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20220302.docx))

3/9/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20220309.docx))

3/9/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20220309.docx))

3/9/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑98 Nays‑6 ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20220309.docx))

3/10/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 82](file:///h:\hj\20220310.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/29/2022 Ratified R 133 ([Senate Journal‑page 72](file:///h:\sj\20220329.docx))

4/4/2022 Signed By Governor

4/7/2022 Effective date 04/04/22

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑23‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTING DRIVER TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS AND EMPLOYERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS EXEMPTION ALSO APPLIES TO DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED BY ASSOCIATIONS FORMED BY GROUPS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES THAT PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO EMPLOYEES OF THEIR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-23-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS MAY OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COVER THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING OR EDUCATING PERSONS TO DRIVE OR OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Driver training education courses**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑23‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑23‑20. Classroom courses offered by state institutions and duly accredited and approved colleges, public, parochial, and private high schools in which classroom driver education is part of the curriculum, instruction offered by an entity described in Section 33‑49‑160(A) that is providing instruction to employees of its member organizations, or to employers giving instruction to their licensed employees shall be exempt from registration and license under this chapter. Courses offered to adults under adult education programs shall not qualify for the exemption.”

**Driver training school financial assistance**

SECTION 2. Chapter 23, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑23‑95. All driver training schools licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may offer financial assistance to students who attend public South Carolina high schools to cover the fees associated with the business of training or educating persons to drive or operate motor vehicles.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 29th day of March, 2022.

Approved the 4th day of April, 2022.

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