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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 24, 2022

**S. 947**

Introduced by Senators Grooms, Climer and Garrett

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Read the first time February 1, 2022.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 947) to amend Section 56‑23‑20 of the 1976 Code, relating to driver training schools, to provide that associations formed by groups of electric cooperatives pursuant to Section 33, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

MERITA A. ALLISON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill allows associations formed by groups of electric cooperatives pursuant to Section 33-49-160 to provide driver education training to employees of its member organizations. The bill also exempts these associations from fees pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 56. As the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact DMV, there is no expenditure impact.

**State Revenue**

Driver training schools are subject to an annual license fee of $50 pursuant to Section 56-23-40. Additionally, pursuant to Section 56-23-85, individual instructors are subject to an instructor permit fee of $20. Proceeds from both of these fees are remitted to the general fund. DMV indicates that only for-hire driver training schools are currently subject to these fees. Associations of electric cooperatives that offer driver training would currently be exempt from the fees. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on the general fund.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑23‑20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT ASSOCIATIONS FORMED BY GROUPS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-49-160 ARE PERMITTED TO PROVIDE DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING.

Amend Title To Conform

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

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.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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