



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 591

October 30, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, COWLES, TAYLOR and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives CALLAHAN, BEHNKE, EMERSON, GOEBEN, NEDWESKI, PENTERMAN, ROZAR, SINICKI, SNYDER, SPIROS, WICHGERS, EDMING and DITTRICH. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 38.04 (4) (e) 9., 84.01 (38), 115.28 (11) (h) and 343.71 (5) (i) of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** driver education instruction related to work zone
3 safety.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction must approve certain driver education courses offered by school districts and establish minimum standards for driver education courses offered by private driver schools, the Technical College System Board must approve courses of study for each program offered in technical college district schools, including driver education courses, and the Department of Transportation licenses private driver schools and DOT may not license a driver school unless its course of instruction includes the content required for TCSB approval of a driver education course.

Under this bill, all approved driver education courses must acquaint each student with the hazards posed by highway work zones and provide at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with these hazards. The bill also requires DOT to determine the materials to be used in the work zone safety instruction.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SENATE BILL 591**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 38.04 (4) (e) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

38.04 (4) (e) 9. Using materials determined under s. 84.01 (38), acquaints each student with the hazards posed by highway work zones and provides at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with these hazards.

SECTION 2. 84.01 (38) of the statutes is created to read:

84.01 (38) WORK ZONE SAFETY EDUCATION. The department shall determine the materials to be used in the work zone safety instruction required under ss. 38.04 (4) (e) 9., 115.28 (11) (h), and 343.71 (5) (i).

SECTION 3. 115.28 (11) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (11) (h) Using materials determined under s. 84.01 (38), acquaint each student with the hazards posed by highway work zones and provide at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with these hazards.

SECTION 4. 343.71 (5) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

343.71 (5) (i) Using materials determined under s. 84.01 (38), acquaints each student with the hazards posed by highway work zones and provides at least 30 minutes of instruction in safely dealing with these hazards.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of ss. 38.04 (4) (e) 9., 115.28 (11) (h), and 343.71 (5) (i) first applies to driver education courses that begin on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)