

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 437

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Authorizes an alternative method of instruction for the classroom portion of approved prelicensing training courses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:402.1(B), relative to the classroom instruction portion of an approved  
3 driver education prelicensing training course; to authorize the classroom portion of  
4 a prelicensing training course to be provided by alternative methods of instruction;  
5 to establish approval requirements for the alternative method of instruction; to  
6 prohibit any portion of the classroom instruction of the driver education course for  
7 persons under the age of eighteen to be provided by alternative methods; to authorize  
8 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to establish  
9 rules and regulations as determined necessary to define requirements; and to provide  
10 for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 32:402.1(B) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §402.1. Driver education; required

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15 B.(1) A driver education provider licensed pursuant to R.S. 40:1461 may  
16 provide all or part of the six-hour classroom instruction portion of an approved  
17 prelicensing training course required by Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section for persons  
18 eighteen or older by an alternative method of instruction that does not require  
19 students to be present in a traditional classroom if the Department of Public Safety  
20 and Corrections, public safety services, approves the alternative method. The



method of instruction that does not require students to be present in a traditional classroom, subject to approval by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services to approve the alternative method if it includes testing and security measures that are at least as secure as the measures available in the traditional classroom setting and use of the alternative method satisfies any other requirement applicable to a prelicensing training course taught in the traditional classroom setting.

Proposed law prohibits any portion of the 30-hour classroom instruction of the driver education course, required by present law, from being offered in any setting other than a traditional classroom to persons under the age of 18.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to establish rules and regulations necessary to define the requirements for alternative methods of instruction for prelicensing training courses.

(Adds R.S. 32:402.1(B))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that the classroom instruction portion of the prelicensing training course is six hours and is available to those persons 18 years of age or older.
3. Prohibit persons under the age of 18 from participating in the alternative method of instruction that does not require students to be present in a traditional classroom.