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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Revises portions of the driver education law to add a skills test administered by a properly licensed and contracted third-party examiner to driver education courses. Provides for restricted permit upon failure of the skills test and readministration of the skills test. Provides for skills test to be administered to students not participating in driver education course.

Present law provides for "driver education course" requirements.

Proposed law specifies that the driver education course be administered by a Class "D" and "E" driver education provider licensed and contracted under present law.

Present law requires at least eight hours of actual driving instruction.

Proposed law includes administering the driving skills test in present law.

Proposed law requires a properly licensed and contracted third-party examiner administer an on-road driving skills test both participants in a "driver education course" and non participants prior to the eight hours of actual driving instruction.

Proposed law provides for a restricted learners permit when a student fails the skills test and for re-administration of the skills test until the student passes.

Proposed law provides for a "prelicensing training course" administered by a Class "D" and "E" driver education provider licensed and contracted under present law when a person does not complete a drivers education course.

Proposed law provides for the administration of the skills test by a third-party examiner as part of the prelicensing training course and readministration of the skills test until the student passes.

Proposed law removes the requirement that licensed and contracted driving instructor training schools or agencies also become licensed as third-party testers.

Proposed law designates a "third-party examiner" as a properly licensed and contracted administrator of the knowledge and on-road driving skills tests to administer under present law the knowledge and on-road driving skills test required for a Class "D" or "E" license.

(Amends R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and R.S. 40:1461(F) and (G))