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DIGEST

Mills (SB 222)

Present law provides for BESE and DOE, in consultation with DPS&C, to establish and operate a drivers education and training program for children 15 years of age or older as well as for adults.

Proposed law adds that such courses shall include instruction relative to the economic effects of littering. Provides that such instruction shall be developed by BESE and DOE in conjunction with Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Requires that prior to implementation, DOE adopt a rule relating to such litter program with legislative oversight of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

Present law requires proof of successful completion of an approved drivers education course or prelicensing training course in order to apply for a drivers license for the first time.

Proposed law retains present law and adds instruction relative to the economic effects of littering as part of the required curriculum for an approved driver education course or prelicensing training course. Provides that the portion of the driver education course or prelicensing course approved by DPS&C involving instruction on the economic effects of littering be developed in conjunction with Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc., and be adopted by rule. Requires that prior to implementation, the rule be submitted to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

Proposed law increases the number of knowledge test questions from 30 to 32 and requires that at least two test questions be on the economic effects of littering.

Proposed law provides that it shall be known as the Louisiana Increases Tourism Through Environmental Responsibility Act of 2011 or LITTER Act of 2011.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 17:270(A) and 271(A)(2) and R.S. 32:402.1(A)(1) and (2), 402.2, and 408(A)(1) and (3); adds R.S. 32:402.1(A)(3)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Names the Act the "Louisiana Increases Tourism Through Environmental Responsibility Act of 2011" or "LITTER Act of 2011".

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Includes instruction on economic effects of littering to the present law requirement of at least 30 minutes of instruction on organ and tissue donation.
2. Adds requirement that BESE and DOE's driver education and training program on the economic effects of littering program be adopted by DOE rule with legislative oversight of House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.