2019 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SB 2157

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2157
1/14/2019
30746

☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Lynn Wolf

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to the age of students enrolled in a driver's training course.

Minutes: Att. #1 – Senator Schaible; Att.# 2 – Jim Keller

Vice-Chairman Fors: Opens the hearing on SB 2157. Recognize Senator Schaible.

Chairman Schaible: See ***Attachment # 1.***

Jim Keller: See ***Attachment # 2.***

Senator Rust: Move to pass SB 2157.

Senator Davison: Second.

Roll Call vote: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays, 0 Absent

Motion Carries.

Date: 1-14-19
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2157

Senate Education Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☑ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rust Seconded By Davison

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Schaible:	✓		Senator Marcellais:	✓	
Vice-Chairman Fors:	✓		Senator Oban:	✓	
Senator Davison	✓				
Senator Elkin:	✓				
Senator Rust:	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Rust

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2157: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2157 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2019 HOUSE EDUCATION

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2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau A Room, State Capitol

SB 2157
3/6/2019
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☐ Subcommittee
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Bev Monroe

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:
A bill relating to the age of students enrolled in a driver's training course

Minutes: Attachment 1, 2

Chairman Owens: Opened the hearing on SB 2157.

Rep. Dennis Johnson: I'd like to welcome Mrs. Nygaard and her students from Edmore, ND in my district.

Sen. Donald Schaible: (**Attachment 1)**

Jim Keller, President, North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association & Drivers Education Instructors: In working with students who are taking the driver's education class, I found that student's ages ranged anywhere from 12-16 years of age. As the law is written you should have graduated from eighth grade but you have to be 14 years old to take the driving part of the test. If they are not 14 years old until August and they have taken their classroom training in June, they may be unable to put that learning to practical use having had to wait until they will be able to drive. My thought was that you change that wording to turning fourteen at the completion of classroom training. In discussing with my board, they were all in agreement and that is why I am bringing this forward.

Chairman Owens: Any questions from the committee?

Rep. Brandy Pyle: What about the kids who have a July birthday and the class is run in June?

Jim Keller: There is always a cutoff date, i.e., school enrollment, etc. They have to be fourteen by the end of classroom to go on to do the driving portion. That is the only reason for it.

Rep. Brandy Pyle: My daughter's birthday is in July and the cutoff date to enter kindergarten is August 1. So she is older than her class so she has to wait an entire year for those who are a bit younger?

Jim Keller: My son was born in September and by North Dakota law I couldn't bring him in. But by your law, I could bring him in if he came from an approved kindergarten. I enrolled him for two weeks in a Montana school and brought him in to North Dakota and he is now the youngest kid in the class. There are always cutoff dates and we have to work with it. As a parent you make your own best choices for your child. This is trying to eliminate the age limit; you have to be fourteen to drive anyway. We need a cutoff.

Russ Ziegler, NDCEL: (Attachment 2)

Chairman Owens: Any questions from the committee? Others in favor?

ElRoy Burkle, NDSOS: We are in support of this bill.

Chairman Owens: Anyone else in support? Anyone opposed? Anyone in a neutral capacity?

Joe Kolosky: Deputy Director, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction: I'm here to clarify a kindergarten question. You may enroll in kindergarten before August 1 if you come from another kindergarten as Jim says or you meet a developmentally appropriate testing tool.

We are for this bill as well.

Chairman Owens: Any questions from the committee? Any further neutral testimony?

Vice Chairman Cynthia Schreiber-Beck: I move for a **Do Pass** on SB 2157.

Representative Denton Zubke: **Seconded.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken**: Yes 13, No 0, Absent 1. A Do Pass** carried. Rep. Heinert will carry SB 2157.

The hearing was closed.

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Motion Made By Rep. Schreiber-Beck Seconded By Rep. Zubke

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman M. Owens	✓		Rep. Guggisberg	✓	
V. Chair. Schreiber-Beck	✓		Rep. Hager	✓	
Rep. Heinert	✓				
Rep. Hoverson	A				
Rep. D. Johnson	✓				
Rep. M. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Johnston	✓				
Rep. Longmuir	✓				
Rep. Marschall	✓				
Rep. Pyle	✓				
Rep. Strinden	✓				
Rep. Zubke	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

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2019 TESTIMONY

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COMMITTEES:
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January 14, 2019

SB 2157

Good morning Senate Education Committee. For the record I am Senator Donald Schaible from District 31. I am here to introduce SB 2157 which pertains to students that take the driver's education course and to clarify how old a student needs to be to take the instructional portion and/or the driving portion of the driver's education course.

This bill has come to my attention from a patron in my district that is the President of the ND Drivers Education Instructors and will testify after me and will be able to provide much more information. I will try to answer any of your questions if I can.

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Jim Keller notes on senate bills 2156, 2157, and 2158.

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We have 100 public schools in the state of ND and we have about 125 Driver's Education Teacher's Licensed in ND. Not all of them teach. We have several teachers who are retired, teaching drivers education to help out their local community. We have teacher's because of lack of funding that are allowed to go to conference every 2 years. To gain credit for conference you have to be there Thursday night, Friday all day, and Saturday morning until noon, plus write a paper for that one credit. Some teachers have to travel after school Thursday and others have commitment Saturday, such as coaching baseball ,track, golf, AAU wrestling, rodeo and other family commitments. We are getting to be a grey haired society. New teachers don't want to take on Driver's Education because of summer activities, stress of young driver's, extra work load to get accredited, etc. "Amend it to, and attend one driver's education conference every three years."
I am asking for this as a way to help retain highly qualified teachers that have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Drivers Education.

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Explain the Flasher situation after the teacher had died in an accident with student drivers. Her class was in June and she was going to drive with two students when they turned 14 in August. That is simply too much time between the classroom and behind the wheel to retain the information learned and practice it. Graduate 8th grade, how old 12-16 yrs. of age. Let us make it simple. They must be 14 yrs. of age by the completion of the classroom instruction, before the behind the wheel. This allows for the student who may turn 14 in the 1st few weeks of June but puts a cut-off that is identified by age, not the completion of 8th grade.

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Explain what will this actually cost, $1.00, 4 quarters per year, less than $ .10 per month, actually $.083 cents per month. Less than the cost of a cup of coffee from Mcdonalds per year. Who will manage the money, DPI. Driving is one life skill that most of us use consistently in ND . You probably drove here today.

Less and less schools are providing the resources to go to training opportunities and this expense is becoming more of an out-of-pocket expense for the teacher. Liability is an issue, without updating safety features for the driver's ed. cars. Simple things such as the newer brake on the passenger side. It allows for easier installment into newer models of cars. (2000+). It takes one mechanic about 45 minutes to put it in where the older brakes take 2 mechanics about 2 hrs. Plus it is considered a safer brake with newer models and does less damage to the vehicle if a leased unit. One bolt is all that is required for the foot petal of the brake. Cameras to not only record what is done in and out of the car, but also can be used for teachable moments with the students. It allows instant playback so the student driver can actually see what they did wrong. Signage for the vehicle. Extra mirrors for the teacher. Not only expenses for the car but classroom expenses to update DVD's, in-class instructional materials. Gaining new teachers to replace those that retire or move. It costs about $3500 just for the credits to be able to teach driver's education. Not including registration and University fees. I would like to see 10 new teachers in two years. Pay for their credits and then get a 5 year dedicated contract to teach at least that long in Driver's education. In the past year alone we had 4 teachers retire and only added 2 new teachers. We are deficit spending if we were a fiscal account.

So what are the actual costs.

100 schools, 125 teachers
Brake-$350 each
Camera-$200 each
Mirror and Signage- $75
Conference Costs- $125 registration, motel $175, meals $70, credit $50, travel varies $25-$75
In class materials $100
Plus the book or course-on-line fee.
How can we figure gas expense it will cost according to how close you are to a major town in ND that has DMV testing, so that your students can practice in that place.
This is not looking at the 6 hrs. driving time, 6 hrs. observation time, and 30 hrs. of classroom time and the prep time that is required to prepare for the classes.
Without these and only doing the top 6 lines with pricing include it comes to $1195 multiplied by 100 schools that is $119,500 and that isn't including the bigger schools that have multiple teachers and cars.
10 new teachers times $3500 =$35000

How many non-commercial vehicles are licensed each year in ND?
466,614 in 2018 according to NDDOT website.

Driver's education in the summer is pro-rated by reimbursement from the state. Most driver education programs do not recover the costs. The schools have the programs to help our students learn this important life skill and try to promote safer communities. What value are you going to place on a life saved by defensive driving learned in driver's education.

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COMMITTEES:
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March 6, 2018

Good afternoon Chairman Owens and the House Education Committee. For the record I am Senator Donald Schaible from District 31. I am here to introduce SB 2157 which pertains to students that take the driver's education course and to clarify how old a student needs to be to take the instructional portion and/or the driving portion of the driver's education course.

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NDCEL

SB 2157 – Testimony in Support

Good afternoon Chairman Owens and members of the House Education Committee,

I am here representing the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders (NDCEL) stands before you today in support of SB 2157. We believe this is a good change to the rules and would allow students who are in the same grade but younger than their peers to participate in the classroom portion of Driver's Education. Students would need to finish the classroom portion of the driver's education course before their 14th birthday and would have to be 14 before they would be allowed to complete the behind the wheel portion of the training.

We recommend a Do Pass on SB 2157 and I will stand for any questions.