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Short Title: Online Driver Education.

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Sponsors: Representatives Arp, Horn, and Brody (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES  
3 ALLOWING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN DRIVER EDUCATION INSTRUCTION  
4 BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-215 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
7 "(b1) To the extent practicable, and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
8 driver education instruction required under subdivisions (1), (2), and (4) of subsection (b) of  
9 this section and any other provision of law may be provided by electronic means. The State  
10 Board of Education shall adopt rules to permit local boards of education to develop and provide  
11 driver education instruction by electronic means in accordance with this subsection, including  
12 permitting local boards of education to enter into contracts with public or private entities to  
13 develop and provide driver education instruction by electronic means. Nothing in this  
14 subsection shall be construed as authorizing the use of electronic means to satisfy any part of  
15 driver education instruction requiring actual driving experience."  
16 SECTION 2. No later than June 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in  
17 consultation with the Division of Motor Vehicles, shall adopt temporary rules to implement  
18 Section 1 of this act.  
19 SECTION 3. For school years beginning prior to the effective date of rules  
20 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 2 of this act, a program developed  
21 by a local board of education, or a public or private entity contracting with the local board of  
22 education, to provide driver education instruction by electronic means shall be deemed to  
23 comply with G.S. 115C-215(b1), as enacted by Section 1 of this act, and may be implemented  
24 by the local board of education for that school year. For all other school years, the program  
25 developed by a local board of education, or a public or private entity contracting with the local  
26 board of education, to provide driver education instruction by electronic means shall conform  
27 to rules adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 2 of this act.  
28 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
29 the 2015-2016 school year.

