**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 821**

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| Short Title: | Study of Inexperienced Drivers. | (Public) |
| Sponsors: | Representatives Nye; and Barefoot. | |
| Referred to: | Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. | |

March 27, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF INEXPERIENCED DRIVERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation shall conduct a study of those persons who were issued a new drivers license since January 1, 1996, to determine if those persons, as a group, are complying with Article 9A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, Motor Vehicle Safety and Financial Responsibility Act of 1953. If the Department finds that a significant number of those inexperienced drivers are not able to demonstrate proof of financial responsibility as that term is defined in G.S. 20-279.1, the Department shall develop a program to educate the public regarding the requirements of Article 9A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes and to track all inexperienced drivers for a period of at least five years to assure that they comply with Article 9A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes. The Department shall develop the program and report to and consult with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the program on or before April 1, 2002. The program shall be implemented by July 1, 2002.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.