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HOUSE BILL 644

Short Title: Online Driver Education. (Public)

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

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Transportation.

April 14, 2015

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.

