

DRIVER EDUCATION MATTERS

Driver Safety Compromised in North Carolina

NC General Assembly Shuts Down State Funding For Driver Education

Are You Concerned For Your Child?

- Your child's driver education may not be funded by the state as early as June 30, 2015. Private lessons currently start at \$400.
- As early as April 1, 2015, your child may not find a driver education class open.
- Automobile insurance may increase as a result of unsafe drivers on the road.
- Over 120,000 new drivers and their families may be affected each year.

Driving Facts:

- In the 2014 "legislative short session", the North Carolina General Assembly failed to provide any funding for driver education after June 30, 2015.
- North Carolina's current Graduated License Program is a national model for teenager traffic safety.
- Until now, the North Carolina General Assembly has funded driver education for NC teenagers each fiscal year since 1957.
- State support of driver education is not entitlement funding because all drivers and passengers who use the transportation system benefit from the safety provided through professional training.
- North Carolina has approximately 120,000 students who become eligible to take Driver Education annually. (The North Carolina Driver Education Strategic Plan 2012)
- For teens wanting a driver license, driver education is mandatory until age 18. Should teens wait until age 18, they will miss the educational benefits of the graduated licensing process that is currently in place with the state.

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How Can You Help?

- Visit www.DriverEducationMatters.com to sign our safe driver pledge.
- Become knowledgeable of the current funding status of driver education and share your concerns with other parents and your teenager. Encourage them to share this information via their social media networks and with friends.
- Contact the Governor's Office and your NC House and Senate Legislators to let them know you want them to provide full State funding for the Driver Education Program. Protect our 120,000 teenagers eligible to drive annually in North Carolina and make our highways safer with educated drivers.
- Become an advocate for highway safety with a focus on teenage safety education.
- Inform officials that professional affordable driver education programs are the answer to minimize traffic related fatalities, injuries, property damage and a heavy economic toll to society.



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