

# House Bill 3546

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN; Senator WEBER (at the request of Consortium of Oregon Driver Education Providers)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases reimbursement rates to providers of traffic safety education courses. Defines "pupil" for purposes of traffic safety education course reimbursement to include students who are at least 15 years of age and younger than 20 years of age. Increases Student Driver Training Fund eligibility fee.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student driver education; amending ORS 336.790, 336.805 and 807.370.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.790 is amended to read:

5 336.790. As used in ORS 336.790 to 336.820, unless the context requires otherwise:

6 (1) "Commercial driver training school" means a school operated by a person issued a commercial driver training school certificate by the Department of Transportation under ORS 822.515.

7 (2) "Private school" means a private or parochial high school.

8 (3) "Public school" means a common or union high school district, education service district, a  
9 community college district and the Oregon School for the Deaf.

10 (4) "**Pupil**" means a student who is at least 15 years of age and will complete a traffic  
11 safety education course approved by the Department of Transportation before reaching 20  
12 years of age and who has a valid instruction driver permit or driver license.

13 **SECTION 2.** ORS 336.805 is amended to read:

14 336.805. (1) The Department of Transportation shall reimburse a public school, commercial  
15 driver training school or county for the cost of providing a traffic safety education course that is  
16 certified by the department. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and ORS 336.804,  
17 the amount of the reimbursement may not exceed [~~\$210~~] **\$300** for each pupil [*completing*] **enrolled**  
18 **in** the course and shall be made in the manner provided by ORS 336.810. **If a pupil does not**  
19 **complete more than 50 percent of the course, the recipient of the reimbursement shall repay**  
20 **the department the amount received for that pupil.**

21 (2) If a public school, commercial driver training school or county that provides a traffic safety  
22 education course certified by the department offers reduced tuition based on the income of the pupil  
23 or of the pupil's family, the department may reimburse the provider for the reduction. **If a pupil is**  
24 **eligible for free or reduced price meals under the United States Department of Agriculture's**  
25 **National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, the department shall reim-**  
26 **burse the provider for at least one-half of the tuition costs.** By rule, the department shall es-  
27 tablish one or more levels of reduced tuition, eligibility criteria for receiving reduced tuition and  
28 conditions for receiving reimbursement for reduced tuition. Any provider that receives reimburse-  
29 ment under this subsection must give notice of the availability of reduced tuition based on income,  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 in all advertisements and printed informational material for the course and on all websites main-  
 2 tained for the course.

3 (3) If funds available to the department for the Student Driver Training Fund are not adequate  
 4 to pay all approved claims in full, public schools, commercial driver training schools and counties  
 5 shall receive a pro rata reimbursement that is based upon the ratio that the total amount of funds  
 6 available bears to the total amount of funds required for maximum allowable reimbursement.

7 [(4) *A public school, commercial driver training school or county seeking reimbursement under this*  
 8 *section may not charge tuition in an amount that is greater than:*]

9 [(a) *For a public school or county, the cost to the public school or county of providing the traffic*  
 10 *safety education course less the state reimbursement.*]

11 [(b) *For a commercial driving school, an amount determined by the department by rule.*]

12 **(4) A public school or county seeking reimbursement under this section may not charge**  
 13 **tuition in an amount that is greater than the cost of providing the traffic safety education**  
 14 **course less the state reimbursement.**

15 (5) Each public school, commercial driver training school or county seeking reimbursement un-  
 16 der this section must keep accurate records of the cost of the traffic safety education course in the  
 17 manner required under rules adopted by the department under ORS 336.802.

18 **SECTION 3.** ORS 807.370 is amended to read:

19 807.370. (1) Fees for issuance of or application for a driving privilege are as follows:

20 (a) Class C driver license or restricted Class C driver license, \$54.

21 (b) Class C limited term driver license or restricted Class C limited term driver license, \$23.

22 (c) Commercial driver license, whether or not the driver license contains endorsements, \$75.

23 (d) Limited term commercial driver license, whether or not the driver license contains endorse-  
 24 ments, \$45.

25 (e) Instruction driver permit, \$23.

26 (f) Commercial learner driver permit, \$23.

27 (g) Limited term commercial learner driver permit, \$23.

28 (h) Special student driver permit, \$23.

29 (i) Emergency driver permit, \$23.

30 (j) Special limited vision condition learner's permit, \$13.

31 (k) Disability golf cart driver permit, \$44.

32 (L) Hardship driver permit application, \$50.

33 (2) In addition to paying a fee under this section for issuance of a commercial driver license of  
 34 any class, when the Department of Transportation accepts skills test results from a driver compe-  
 35 tency tester certified under ORS 807.080, the person shall pay a fee of \$40.

36 (3) Fees for a motorcycle endorsement are as follows:

37 (a) In addition to any fee for the endorsed driver license, for an original motorcycle endorsement  
 38 added at the time of an original issuance of a driving privilege or with a renewal or replacement  
 39 of an existing driving privilege, \$46.

40 (b) For an original motorcycle endorsement added without an original issuance of a driving  
 41 privilege or without a renewal or replacement of an existing driving privilege, \$49.

42 (c) A Motorcycle Safety Subaccount fee:

43 (A) Upon original issuance of a motorcycle endorsement, \$38.

44 (B) Upon renewal of a driver license with a motorcycle endorsement, \$28.

45 (4) Fees for a farm endorsement are as follows:

1 (a) In addition to any fee for the endorsed driver license, for an original farm endorsement added  
2 at the time of an original issuance of a driving privilege or with a renewal or replacement of an  
3 existing driving privilege, \$26.

4 (b) For an original farm endorsement added without an original issuance of a driving privilege  
5 or without a renewal or replacement of an existing driving privilege, \$29.

6 (5) Fees for renewal of a driving privilege are as follows:

7 (a) Class C driver license, \$34.

8 (b) Class C limited term driver license, \$8.

9 (c) Commercial driver license, \$55.

10 (d) Limited term commercial driver license, \$14.

11 (e) Instruction driver permit, \$23.

12 (f) Disability golf cart driver permit, \$32.

13 (6) Fee to replace a driver license or driver permit, \$26.

14 (7) Fees to take tests required for driving privileges or to remove restrictions are as follows:

15 (a) The knowledge test for a Class C driver license or Class C limited term driver license, \$5.

16 (b) The knowledge test for a motorcycle endorsement, \$5.

17 (c) The knowledge test for any commercial driver license or commercial learner driver permit,  
18 to remove a commercial driving privilege restriction or to add a commercial driving privilege  
19 endorsement, \$10.

20 (d) The skills test for a Class C driver license or Class C limited term driver license, \$9.

21 (e) The skills test for any commercial driver license, to remove a restriction or to add any  
22 commercial driver license endorsement, \$70.

23 (8) Student Driver Training Fund eligibility fee, [~~\$6~~] **\$7**.

24 (9) Limited term Student Driver Training Fund eligibility fee, [~~\$2~~] **\$3**.

25 (10) Fee for reinstatement of revoked driving privileges under ORS 809.390 or reinstatement of  
26 suspended driving privileges under ORS 809.380, \$75.

27 (11) The department may adopt rules to provide for the assessment or retention of the skills test  
28 fee when a test is scheduled but the applicant fails to appear at the scheduled time.

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