

A-Engrossed House Bill 3323

Ordered by the House April 11
Including House Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Representative JAVADI

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: If a driver is 18 or younger and gets a ticket and they have had no other tickets before, they can take a class instead of having the ticket. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Authorizes a driver improvement course as an alternative to conviction of a traffic violation for a person 18 years of age or less whose driving record shows no prior convictions of traffic offenses. **Provides exception if person has already taken a driver improvement course.**

Directs the Department of Transportation to establish standards for the driver improvement courses and maintain a routinely updated list of providers.

[Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to traffic offenses; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2. (1) When a police officer issues a citation for a traffic violation to a person under 18 years of age whose driving record shows no prior convictions for traffic offenses, the officer shall notify the person that a driver improvement course is available and that if the person successfully completes a driver improvement course, approved by the Department of Transportation under section 3 of this 2025 Act, at the person's own expense, the person will not be convicted of the violation. Notification consists of giving the person a form developed by the department, along with the citation and summons. This subsection does not apply to a person who has already taken a driver improvement course.

(2) The department shall develop a form to be given to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is issued a citation. The form:

(a) Must explain that completion of the course will enable the person to avoid a conviction;

(b) Must explain that taking the course is available only to individuals who have not already taken the course under this section; and

(c) Must explain how the person may obtain information about a course.

(3) When a person has successfully completed a course described in this section, the instructor shall issue a certificate to the person indicating completion. When the person presents the certificate of completion to the court, the court shall dismiss the citation.

(4) The department may adopt rules it deems necessary for the implementation of this

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 section.

2 (5) Nothing in this section is intended to impact diversion programs, which may be of-
3 fered by a local court, as defined in ORS 137.145, or a circuit court.

4 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Department of Transportation by rule shall establish standards for
5 a driver improvement course provided to persons pursuant to section 2 of this 2025 Act. The
6 standards must describe the contents and quality of a curriculum for the course, specify
7 requirements for obtaining a certificate and otherwise determine the level and depth of
8 knowledge a person must have obtained from the course.

9 (2) The department shall maintain a list of providers approved to lead the course de-
10 scribed in this section and shall update the list monthly. The department shall prescribe
11 procedures for providing the provider list to police officers.

12 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to persons issued citations for traffic vio-
13 lations on or after January 1, 2026.

14 **SECTION 5.** (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2026.

15 (2) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules and take any other action before
16 the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the
17 department to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this
18 section, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by sections 2 and
19 3 of this 2025 Act.

20 **SECTION 6.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.
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