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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES

WHEREAS: The State of Maryland requires new drivers to complete a drivers education course before being granted a license.

WHEREAS: Funding for driver education courses was cut from Maryland public schools in 1995.

WHEREAS: Maryland families must enroll their teenage drivers in private commercial driving classes before taking provisional license examinations.

WHEREAS: Allowing for high school student enrollment in a marking period of drivers education would provide more instructional time over 7 weeks than the typical 2-3 week private courses offer.

WHEREAS: Providing driver education courses in Maryland public schools would allow young drivers of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds the opportunity to receive quality behind-the-wheel training.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature recommends that drivers education be reinstated and fully funded within the state public high schools.

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