

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1867**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR INSTRUCTION PERMIT.**

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### **Basic Change :**

#### **Sponsors: Representatives Dotson and Womack**

HB1867 amends the requirements for a driver's license for a person less than 18 years of age by reducing the education restrictions and limitations provided in § 27-16-701(d). Currently, a person less than 18 has to submit a high school diploma or its equivalent or proof of a "C" average in school. Applicants that do not have a high school diploma or a "C" average are eligible for a restricted driver's license for the purpose of driving to and from work. HB1867 removes those requirements for applicants under 18 years of age. Those applicants will no longer have to submit a high school diploma or proof of a "C" average in school. Under HB1867, DFA will no longer have to distribute a copy of all rules and regulations outlining policy to public, private, and parochial schools. HB1867 also makes a passing score on the written examination valid for a period of 24 months. Previously, the written examination was only valid for 12 months.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) would no longer be required to provide proof of educational requirements prior to submitting an application for a driver's license or for an instruction permit. The driver's license permit expiration date would be extended to twenty-four (24) months, giving the young driver a longer period to return to take the driving portion of the examination.

### **Resources Required :**

None.

### **Time Required :**

None.

### **Procedural Changes :**

All Driver Service and State Revenue Office procedure manuals will be updated and training provided to employees.

### **Other Comments :**

None.

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**Legal Analysis :**

None.