

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 345

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Tracking Number: .184459.1

Short Title: HS Graduation for Minors' Driver's License

Sponsor(s): Senators Cynthia Nava, Mary Jane M. García, and Vernon D. Asbill

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Bill Summary:

SB 345 amends the *Motor Vehicle Code* to require that, as part of an application for a driver's license, provisional license, instruction permit or restricted license to operate a motorcycle, a person under the age of 18 must provide:

- proof of high school graduation;
- proof of attainment of a general educational development (GED) certificate; or
- a letter from the applicant's public or private school, verified home school, or educational institution at which the applicant is taking classes for a GED that the applicant is in compliance with the school's or institution's attendance policy and the *Compulsory School Attendance Law*.

Fiscal Impact:

SB 345 does not contain an appropriation.

Technical Issues:

The fiscal impact report by the Legislative Finance Committee suggests that students seeking a driver's license during the summer or other breaks from school may have difficulty satisfying the requirements of the bill.

Background:

According to the analysis of SB 345 by the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD), rules adopted by MVD currently require school attendance and proficiency on state assessment tests in order to obtain a provisional license. If HB 345 were enacted, that rule would require amending.

Related Bills:

HFL/SFL/HB 78a *Driver's License and ID Card Restrictions*
HB 261 *Foreign Ntl. Driver's License Expiration Date*
CS/SB 9a *License Requirements for Drivers Under 18*
CS/SB 125 *Driver's License Age Restrictions*