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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR DRIVER'S ED

House Bill 5869
Sponsor: Rep. John Bennett

House Bill 5870
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Martin

Committee: Education

Complete to 10-18-90

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5869 and 5870 AS INTRODUCED 6-11-90

The bills would allow the board or governing body of a public or private school to set academic eligibility standards that students would have to meet in order to be eligible to enroll in a state-run and publicly-financed driver's education course. House Bill 5869 would amend the School Code (MCL 380.1 et al) to specify that eligibility requirements that school boards or governing bodies could set under the bill would have to be at least as "academically demanding" as those adopted for pupil participation in interscholastic athletics. A pupil who failed to meet the eligibility standards required by his or her school's governing board could not enroll in a driver's education course that was funded and directed by the state. Also, a pupil who transferred to another public or nonpublic school would have to meet the eligibility standards set by that school to be eligible to enroll in a state-run driver's education course. House Bill 5870 would amend the Vehicle Code (MCL 257.811) to make a pupil's ability to enroll in a public driver's education course dependent on whether he or she had met the provisions of House Bill 5869. The bills are tie-barred to each other.

House Bill 5869 and 5870 (10-18-90)