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HOUSE BILL 21  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/4/17

Short Title: Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

January 30, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 PROCEDURES DURING TRAFFIC STOPS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-88.1(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) The Division shall prepare a driver license handbook that explains the traffic laws of  
7 the State and shall periodically revise the handbook to reflect changes in these laws. The  
8 Division, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's  
9 Association, the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, and the North Carolina Police  
10 Benevolent Association, shall include in the driver license handbook a description of law  
11 enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a  
12 traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers. At the request of  
13 the Department of Public Instruction, the Division shall provide free copies of the handbook to  
14 that Department for use in the program of driver education offered at public high schools."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-215(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) The driver education curriculum shall include the following:

- 17 (1) Instruction on the rights and privileges of the handicapped and the signs and  
18 symbols used to assist the handicapped relative to motor vehicles, including  
19 the "international symbol of accessibility" and other symbols and devices as  
20 provided in Article 2A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.  
21 (2) At least six hours of instruction on the offense of driving while impaired and  
22 related subjects.  
23 (3) At least six hours of actual driving experience. To the extent practicable, this  
24 experience may include at least one hour of instruction on the techniques of  
25 defensive driving.  
26 (4) At least one hour of motorcycle safety awareness training.  
27 (5) Instruction on law enforcement procedures for traffic stops that is developed  
28 in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's  
29 Association, the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, and the  
30 North Carolina Police Benevolent Association. The instruction shall provide  
31 a description of the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop,  
32 including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers."

33 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2018. The  
34 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the  
35 2017-2018 school year.

