

1 AN ACT relating to operator's licenses.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "state police" means the Department of Kentucky State*
6 *Police.*

7 *(2) (a) From September 1, 2027, until June 30, 2029, the state police shall operate*
8 *a pilot project in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education to*
9 *provide instruction permit testing in one (1) public high school in each*
10 *congressional district of the Commonwealth.*

11 *(b) In a congressional district that encompasses more than one (1) county, the*
12 *state police shall operate the pilot project in a county within the*
13 *congressional district in which the state police do not provide permanent,*
14 *full-time, instruction permit testing.*

15 *(3) In operating the pilot project under this section, the state police shall:*

16 *(a) With the assistance of the Kentucky Department of Education, identify*
17 *potential high schools to participate in the pilot project based on both public*
18 *demand and available state police resources;*

19 *(b) Enter into agreements with a local board of education to conduct the pilot*
20 *project;*

21 *(c) Administer testing at the selected high schools at least one (1) time per*
22 *school year;*

23 *(d) Accept applications for testing slots through the state police's online*
24 *application portal;*

25 *(e) Limit testing to only residents of the county where the test will be*
26 *administered; and*

27 *(f) Limit testing to only applicants for an instruction permit under KRS*

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(4) A school participating in the pilot project shall:

(a) Have the approval of the local school board to participate in the pilot project;

(b) Designate one (1) employee to serve as the coordinator of the pilot project at the high school who will set up the event and organize students to attend the event with the proper documentation;

(c) Provide internet connections and a location on the high school campus for the event; and

(d) Ensure participating county residents have access to the testing site.

(5) The state police shall collect data on testing administered under this section and, by October 31, 2027, and annually thereafter for as long as the pilot project continues, submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation providing:

(a) Data regarding the number of available testing appointments, applicants served, unclaimed testing slots, and no-show appointments; and

(b) Information regarding how the pilot project affected testing associated with regional licensing offices.