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	A BILL ENTITLED			
1	AN ACT concerning			
2		Vehicle	e Laws - Driver Education - Computer-Based Program	
3 4 5 6 7 8	satisfying a certain driver education requirement relating to examinations for a provisional license; authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to approve a computer-based driver education program; and generally relating to driver			
9 10 11 12 13	Section 16-105(d)(2) and 16-505 Annotated Code of Maryland			
14 15	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
16	Article - Transportation			
17	16-105.			
18 19	8 (d) (2) An individual who holds a learner's instructional permit may not 9 take a driver skills examination or driver road examination for a provisional license:			
20	(i)	Sooner	than 4 months:	
21 22	instructional permit; or	1.	After the individual first obtains the learner's	
23 24	moving violation for which the	2. he individ	After the date on which the individual committed a dual was convicted;	
25	(ii)	Until at	fter successful completion of the driver education	

26 program approved under Subtitle 5 of this title, consisting of [at]:

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1 2	1. AT least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction; OR			
	2. A COMPUTER-BASED DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND AT LEAST 10 HOURS OF HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION; and			
6 7	(iii) Unless the individual submits, in accordance with the Administration's regulations, a completed skills log book signed by:			
8 9	1. Each supervising driver who certifies that the individual has satisfactorily demonstrated a required skill; and			
	2. If a signature of a parent, guardian, or other person is required under § 16-107 of this subtitle, the parent, guardian, or other person who signs the individual's application under that section.			
13	16-505.			
16	(a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education schools under its jurisdiction.			
18 19	18 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the 19 Administration and shall include:			
20 21	20 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom, 21 laboratory, and on-road instruction phases;			
22 23 24	2 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver 3 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the 4 Administration, consisting of [at]:			
25 26	(I) AT least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction; OR			
	(II) A COMPUTER-BASED DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND AT LEAST 10 HOURS OF HIGHWAY DRIVING INSTRUCTION;			
30	(3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;			
31 32	(4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;			
33 34	(5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and			
35	(6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.			

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.