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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Joe Emrick

DATE: July 22, 2011****UPDATED****

RE: Co-sponsor Legislation:
Allow School Districts the option to contract with private driver training school instructors

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to allow school districts the option to contract with private driver training school instructors or directors to provide the classroom portion of driver education instruction without obtaining a Pennsylvania teacher certification. Currently, in order to provide the classroom portion of driver education instruction, one must be a certified teacher. In order to assist school districts in keeping driver education programs operating, it is necessary to ensure that such programs can be provided in their entirety by a driver education school when a certified driver education teacher is not available.

Note: Any school employee or contractor who comes in direct contact with students must have a background check pursuant to Section 111 (a) of the Public School Code of 1949. Since the private driver education school would contract with the school to provide the in-classroom portion of driver instruction under this legislation it appears that they would fall under the requirements of Section 111 to have background checks. The provision of Section 111 is even mentioned in the legislation. For your reference, I have attached a link to Section 111 of the Public School Code of 1949 on our Internal system.

<http://ldpc6.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/US/HTM/1949/0/0014.001.011.000..HTM>

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jenna Harris in my Harrisburg office at (717)260-6159 or via email jharris@pahousegop.com. Thank you.