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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1477, L.D. 2012,
Bill, "AN ACT to Restore Driver Education Credit in
Secondary Schools."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT Directing the Department of Educational
and Cultural Services to Study the Issue of Granting
Credit for Fee-Based Driver Education Courses.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything
after the enacting clause and inserting in its place
the following:

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'Sec. 1. Study and report. The Department of
Educational and Cultural Services shall conduct a
study of the issue of granting credit for fee-based
driver education courses. In conducting the study,
the department shall give due consideration to the
benefits to be derived from and the need to encourage
broad participation in driver education programs and
the constitutional requirement that towns provide
public education at their own expense. The department
shall examine alternative methods of encouraging
participation in driver education and shall report its
findings and recommendations to the Legislature by
December 15, 1988. In addition to other appropriate
considerations, the department shall take into account

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1 the effect of its recommendations on the number of
2 certified driver education instructors and on private
3 providers of driver education courses. In conducting
4 the study, the department may request assistance from
5 the Attorney General.

6 **Sec. 2. Review by joint standing committee.**
7 The Joint Standing Committee on Education shall review
8 the report of the department and, based on that
9 review, may introduce legislation dealing with driver
10 education to the First Regular Session of the 114th
11 Legislature.

12 **Sec. 3. Termination.** This Act shall terminate
13 on December 15, 1989.'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The original bill would have allowed school units
16 to grant credit for driver education courses for which
17 a fee is charged. This amendment directs the
18 Department of Educational and Cultural Services to
19 study the issue of granting credit for fee-based
20 driver education courses and report to the Legislature
21 in December, 1988.

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Reported by the Committee on Education
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