

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 415
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WHEREAS, A young driver is twice as likely as an adult driver to be in a fatal automobile crash; and

WHEREAS, A young driver is significantly more likely to be involved in an automobile accident than an adult driver; and

WHEREAS, Young drivers face challenges in driving from their inexperience and lack of driving skills, excessive nighttime driving, risk taking, and youthful judgment; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators have developed a graduated driver licensing system with three stages to address these problems that begins with a learner's permit and a provisional license before moving to a full license; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety issues involving young drivers are an important concern to Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by and addressed by a graduated driver licensing system merit careful study; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating to graduated driver licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the existing members of the committee shall continue to serve provided that such members have been duly elected to the General Assembly, and any vacancies which occur shall be filled by appointment of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker of the Senate, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee will report its findings and recommendations, including any legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly on or before February 15, 1997.