
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 234

AN ACT CONCERNING PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUTH INSTRUCTION PERMIT HOLDERS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows 16- and 17-year-old learner's permit holders to have their sibling as a passenger during driving instruction if the sibling also holds a learner's permit.

By law, learner's permit holders may drive only if they have a licensed driver (age 20 or older with at least four years of licensure) riding with and instructing them. Under current law, the only passengers 16- and 17-year-old permit holders may have during this instruction are their parents or legal guardians, unless they are being instructed by a licensed driving instructor (for example, as a part of a driver's education course).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/16/2026)