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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

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SUBJECT: **Driver Education**

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Two pieces of legislation passed during the 2013 legislative session that contain provisions that impact driver education courses within Florida's school districts. A summary of the two provisions are included below.

[Senate Bill 52](#) entitled *Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving* went into effect October 1, 2013. This bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device for nonvoice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, texting, emailing and instant messaging. Each school district determines the standards and curricula for driver education courses, however, they may want to include this new law within their driver education courses.

[Senate Bill 1076](#) entitled *K-20 Education* went into effect July 1, 2013. This bill excludes driver education as an eligible course to meet the requirement for one course in online learning for high school graduation.

If you have further questions, please contact Nichole Wilder at nichole.wilder@fldoe.org or by phone at 850-245-0813.

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