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SUMMARY

- Allows a private organization or company offering a nationally recognized motorcycle safety and education program to do both of the following:
 - Use a final end-of-course skills exam that is different from the Department of Public Safety final exam, provided their exam meets or exceeds the DPS requirements; and
 - Certify their instructors in accordance with their own criteria, rather than by the criteria established by DPS or any other private organization or company.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Motorcycle safety and education programs

The bill makes several changes to the laws related to motorcycle safety and education programs that are offered by private organizations and companies. Under current law, a private organization or corporation is allowed to offer a nationally recognized motorcycle safety and education program as an alternative to the program created and offered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).¹ The bill allows the private companies to do both of the following:

1. Use a final end-of-course skills exam that is different from the final exam offered by DPS, provided the exam meets or exceeds the requirements of the DPS exam; and
2. Certify their instructors in accordance with their own criteria, rather than having the instructors certified by DPS or any other private organization or company.²

¹ R.C. 4508.08(A)(2)(a).

² R.C. 4508.08(H) and (I).

Under current law, as part of the DPS motorcycle safety and education program, the Director of DPS is authorized to prescribe the manner and form of certification for instructors of the program. The Director also establishes the standards the courses taught under the program must meet.³ Current law is silent, however, on whether the instructor certification or the final skills examination required by the Director for the DPS program must also be used for the programs offered by private organizations or companies.

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 4508.08(A)(1).