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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Driver education course" means a standardized course of instruction under a driver education program, adopted or approved by the Administration in consultation with the State Department of Education, intended to teach individuals to safely drive a noncommercial motor vehicle.

(c) "Driver education instructor" means an individual who has completed required certification courses and is certified by the Administration to teach a driver education course, whether or not the individual is required to be licensed under Title 15, Subtitle 8 of this article.

(d) "Driver education program" means the courses and learning activities designated by the Administration in consultation with the State Department of Education that an individual may be required to complete before obtaining a noncommercial driver's license under this title.

(e) "[Drivers'] DRIVER EDUCATION school" means a school approved by the Administration to conduct driver education courses in accordance with this subtitle [and Title 15, Subtitle 7 of this article].

16-505.

(a) [Subject to the prior endorsement of the regulations by the State Superintendent of Schools, the] THE Administration shall, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to implement a standardized driver education program conducted by [licensed drivers'] DRIVER EDUCATION schools under its jurisdiction.

(b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the Administration and shall include:

(1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom, laboratory, and on-road instruction phases;

(2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver education program ~~[BASED UPON THE STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours of highway driving instruction] BASED UPON THE STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;~~

(3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;

(4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education program;

(5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

(6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.