



# Support for HF3360

Progressive Pathways is a Minnesota non-profit that was organized specifically to address the socioeconomic barriers that young people in our lives were facing regarding driving.

While the state licensing process is designed to develop safe drivers on the road, in some ways, it also contributes to the racial disparity in our cities. Many teens in Minnesota find it difficult to get their driver's license for many reasons, but, mainly due to cost and access.

What ends up happening is that teens still need to work, go to school or help their families, and they often end up driving anyway. This results in poor driving habits, car accidents, property damage, and getting into a cycle of unpaid tickets, loss of property and the inability to ever become a licensed driver. It really does contribute to the cycle of poverty.

Driver's Training in Minnesota costs upwards of \$425. No, this is not a course in high school anymore.

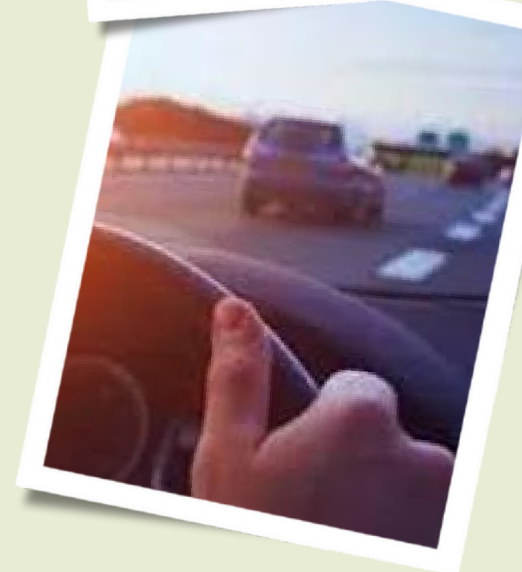
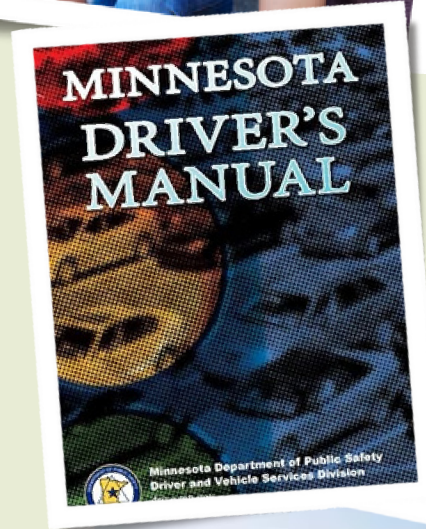
Assistance with cost of driver's education could change the trajectory for so many Minnesota teens, offering them opportunities so often overlooked and taken for granted.

A driver's license a tool necessary to get ahead in our society, and this bill opens that door for Minnesota students.

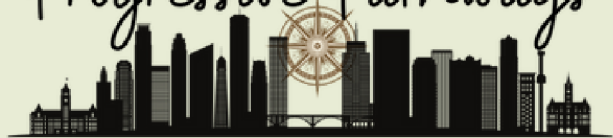
We believe that when we identify a problem around us, we become accountable to our community to do what we can to help correct the the issue.

Thank you for helping to address this issue!

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