NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Date:May 14, 2015Time:10:00 a.m.Location:Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street, Room 109
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding proposed changes to Chapter 4501-21, "Remedial Driving Courses," of the Ohio Administrative Code. These changes are proposed pursuant to a completed Revised Code ("R.C.") 106.03 periodic rule review.

Proposed for amendment:

Rules 4501-21-01 (Definitions); 4501-21-03 (Place of business); 4501-21-04 (Character and fitness); 4501-21-05 (Application for and renewal of remedial driving course approval); 4501-21-06 (Course curriculum); 4501-21-14 (Technology based methods); and 4501-21-15 (Ranges, vehicles, and insurance for advanced juvenile driver improvement programs) are proposed for amendment to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with R.C. 121.71 to 121.74, update course curriculum topics, update application processes, and clarify place of business requirements including those related to home offices.

Proposed for rescission and simultaneous adoption under the same rule number due to formatting guidelines set forth by the Legislative Service Commission, which require rules that are changed by more than fifty percent to be adopted as new:

Rules 4501-21-11 (Enrollment contract); 4501-21-12 (Records, certificates of completion, and course evaluations); and 4501-21-13 (Classrooms) reorganize content within the rules and between rules 4501-21-12 and 4501-21-13; clarify renewal requirements, closing procedures, and information that is to be provided in enrollment contracts; and address materials incorporated by reference. Further, provisions relating to training requirements for instructors have been moved from rule 4501-21-13 to rule 4501-21-16, which is proposed for adoption.

The following rules are proposed as new rules for inclusion in Chapter 4501-21 of the Administrative Code:

Rule 4501-21-16 (Instructors for remedial programs) is proposed to set forth the training requirements for remedial driving instructors that include provisions related to eligibility taken from rule 4501-21-13 and new requirements for specialized continuing education. Rule 4501-21-17 (Incorporated by reference) is proposed to replace the incorporated references section taken from rule 4501-21-01 and addresses all materials incorporated by reference in Chapter 4501-21 in compliance with R.C. 121.71 to 121.74.

Persons affected by the proposed rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.

The proposed rules may be accessed via the Division of OCJS' website at <u>http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/ocjs_rules_notices.stm</u>. Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or public comments may be addressed to Driver Training Program Manager Valerie Luptak at (614) 466-3524.