Comparison of Deferred Disposition and Driving Safety Course Dismissals

	Deferred Disposition	**Driving Safety Course**
Authorizing Statute	CCP Art. 45.051	CCP Art. 45.0511
Up to Court's Discretion?	Yes	Not if defendant meets "mandatory" eligibility requirements
Eligible Offenses	Everything except Disqualified Offenses listed below	Rules of the Road except Disqualified Offenses listed below For Defendants <25 years old, Moving Violations except Disqualified Offenses below
Disqualified Offenses	Offenses related to motor vehicle control committed by CDL holders Rules of the Road offenses other than seat belt offenses committed in work zones with workers present	Speeding <25 mph over limit Speeding <95 mph total speed Passing school bus loading/unloading children Leaving scene of accident without exchanging info Failing to stop and render aid after injury accident Any offense committed by CDL holder Any offense committed in a work zone with workers present
Length of Deferral Period	1-180 days	90 days
Costs and Fees	Court Costs + "Special Expense Fee" which may not exceed the maximum fine for the offense	Court Costs + "Administrative Fee" which is capped at $10 unless court is proceeding under "discretionary" DSC, in which case capped at maximum fine for the offense
Texas DL required?	No	Yes, unless active duty U.S. servicemember or dependent
Proof of Insurance required?	No	Yes