

By Senator Grimsley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to clerks of circuit court; amending  
 3       s. 28.07, F.S.; requiring records and books to be  
 4       readily accessible at the county seat; amending s.  
 5       318.1451, F.S.; requiring all driver improvement  
 6       course providers, within 7 business days, to transmit  
 7       the individual completion certificate, or related data  
 8       sufficient to update the Comprehensive Case  
 9       Information System, through the statewide e-filing  
 10      portal to a specified clerk of circuit court;  
 11      providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15       Section 1. Section 28.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 16      read:

17       28.07 Place of office.—The clerk of the circuit court shall  
 18      keep his or her office at the county seat. If the clerk finds a  
 19      need for branch offices, they may be located in the county at  
 20      places other than the county seat. Instruments presented for  
 21      recording in the Official Records may be accepted and filed for  
 22      that purpose at any branch office designated by the governing  
 23      body of the county for the recording of instruments pursuant to  
 24      s. 1, Art. VIII of the State Constitution. One or more deputy  
 25      clerks authorized to issue process may be employed for such  
 26      branch offices. The Official Records of the county, as well as  
 27      other records and books, must be readily accessible ~~kept~~ at the  
 28      county seat. ~~Other records and books must be kept within the~~  
 29      ~~county but need not be kept at the county seat.~~

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30 Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (6) of section  
31 318.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

33 (6) The department shall adopt rules establishing and  
34 maintaining policies and procedures to implement the  
35 requirements of this section. These policies and procedures may  
36 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

37 (h) *Miscellaneous requirements.*—The department shall  
38 require that all course providers:

39 1. Disclose all fees associated with courses offered by the  
40 provider and associated driver improvement schools and not  
41 charge any fees that are not disclosed during registration.

42 2. Provide proof of ownership, copyright, or written  
43 permission from the course owner to use the course in this  
44 state.

45 3. Ensure that any course that is offered in a classroom  
46 setting, by the provider or a school authorized by the provider  
47 to teach the course, is offered at locations that are free from  
48 distractions and reasonably accessible to most applicants.

49 4. Issue a certificate to persons who successfully complete  
50 the course.

51 5. Within 7 business days after a person successfully  
52 completes the course, transmit the individual completion  
53 certificate, or related data sufficient to update the  
54 Comprehensive Case Information System, through the statewide e-  
55 filing portal to the clerk of the circuit court for the county  
56 the person chooses.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.