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Senator Hill moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
318.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

(2) (a) In determining whether to approve the courses
referenced in this section, the department shall consider course
content designed to promote safety, driver awareness, crash
avoidance techniques, awareness of the risks associated with
using a handheld electronic communication device while operating
a motor vehicle, and other factors or criteria to improve driver



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14 performance from a safety viewpoint.

15 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 322.095, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 322.095 Traffic law and substance abuse education program
18 for driver's license applicants.—

19 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
20 must approve traffic law and substance abuse education courses
21 that must be completed by applicants for a Florida driver's
22 license. The curricula for the courses must provide instruction
23 on the physiological and psychological consequences of the abuse
24 of alcohol and other drugs, the societal and economic costs of
25 alcohol and drug abuse, the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on
26 the driver of a motor vehicle, the risks associated with using a
27 handheld electronic communication device while operating a motor
28 vehicle, and the laws of this state relating to the operation of
29 a motor vehicle. All instructors teaching the courses shall be
30 certified by the department.

31 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 322.12,
32 Florida Statutes, to read:

33 322.12 Examination of applicants.—

34 (6) Each examination given for a Class E driver's license
35 or a commercial driver's license under this section must include
36 one question testing the applicant's knowledge of traffic
37 regulations to assist blind persons. In developing questions
38 under this subsection, the department shall emphasize pedestrian
39 right-of-way when a driver is making a right turn at an
40 intersection.

41 Section 4. Subsections (4) through (7) of section 322.56,
42 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) through (8),



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43 respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section,
44 to read:

45 322.56 Contracts for administration of driver's license
46 examination.-

47 (4) All applicants for a learner's driver's license shall
48 have the ability to take the written examination required by s.
49 322.12 through a third-party provider. The department shall
50 contract with providers of approved traffic law and substance
51 abuse education courses to serve as third-party administrators
52 to conduct, on behalf of the department, knowledge tests under
53 this subsection.

54 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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56 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete everything before the enacting clause
59 and insert:

60 A bill to be entitled
61 An act relating to driver education and testing;
62 amending ss. 318.1451 and 322.095, F.S.; requiring the
63 curricula of driver improvement courses and traffic
64 law and substance abuse education courses to include
65 instruction on the risks associated with using a
66 handheld electronic communication device while
67 operating a motor vehicle; amending s. 322.12, F.S.;
68 providing requirements for driver license examination
69 questions pertaining to traffic regulations relating
70 to blind pedestrians; amending s. 322.56, F.S.;
71 providing for written examination for a learner's



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driver's license to be available from third-party
providers; providing an effective date.