

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.; specifying the method that driver
 6 improvement course providers must use in transmitting
 7 specified driver certificates to clerks of the circuit
 8 court; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 28.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 13 read:

14 28.07 Place of office; accessibility of records.—The clerk
 15 of the circuit court shall keep his or her office at the county
 16 seat. If the clerk finds a need for branch offices, they may be
 17 located in the county at places other than the county seat.
 18 Instruments presented for recording in the Official Records may
 19 be accepted and filed for that purpose at any branch office
 20 designated by the governing body of the county for the recording
 21 of instruments pursuant to s. 1, Art. VIII of the State
 22 Constitution. One or more deputy clerks authorized to issue
 23 process may be employed for such branch offices. The Official
 24 Records of the county, and the other records and books of the
 25 county must be readily accessible ~~kept~~ at the office of the

26 | clerk of the court located at the county seat. ~~Other records and~~
 27 | ~~books must be kept within the county but need not be kept at the~~
 28 | ~~county seat.~~

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

31 | 318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 | 5. Within 7 business days after a person successfully

51 completes a course on or after July 1, 2018, transmit each
52 individual completion certificate, or related data sufficient to
53 update the Comprehensive Case Information System as set forth in
54 s. 28.2405, through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal governed
55 by the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority to the clerk of the
56 circuit court of the county.

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