

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to reinstatement of suspended driver
3 licenses; creating s. 322.755, F.S.; creating the
4 Drive for Success Pilot Program within the Florida
5 Clerks of Court Operations Corporation to assist
6 certain persons in reinstating suspended driver
7 licenses; requiring administration of the program by
8 clerks of court in certain counties; authorizing
9 collaboration with the Florida Association of Court
10 Clerks and Comptrollers for certain purposes;
11 providing duties of the clerks of court; prohibiting
12 eligibility under certain circumstances; requiring
13 reinstatement of a participant's driving privilege
14 under certain circumstances; requiring the clerks of
15 court to submit reports to the Florida Clerks of Court
16 Operations Corporation; requiring the Florida Clerks
17 of Court Operations Corporation to submit a report to
18 the Governor and Legislature; providing for expiration
19 of the pilot program on a certain date; providing an
20 effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 322.755, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 322.755 Drive for Success Pilot Program.-

27 (1) There is created within the Florida Clerks of Court
 28 Operations Corporation the Drive for Success Pilot Program. The
 29 purpose of the pilot program is to assist persons whose driver
 30 licenses have been suspended, and who have unpaid traffic
 31 citations or unpaid court costs, fines, or fees, in reinstating
 32 their driver licenses.

33 (2) The Drive for Success Pilot Program shall be
 34 administered by the clerks of court in at least six counties
 35 selected by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.
 36 Each clerk of court may collaborate with the Florida Association
 37 of Court Clerks and Comptrollers to promote and develop
 38 communications regarding the pilot program.

39 (3) Each clerk of court participating in the pilot program
 40 must make an effort to contact persons whose driver licenses are
 41 suspended for failure to pay court-ordered financial
 42 obligations, including unpaid traffic citations or unpaid court
 43 costs, fines, or fees, and encourage such persons to establish a
 44 partial payment agreement for the fulfillment of such
 45 obligations under the pilot program.

46 (4) A person is not eligible for driver license
 47 reinstatement under the pilot program if his or her driver
 48 license is suspended or revoked due to:

49 (a) Failure to fulfill a court-ordered child support
 50 obligation;

51 (b) A violation of s. 316.193;
 52 (c) Failure to complete a driver training program, driver
 53 improvement course, or alcohol or substance abuse education or
 54 evaluation program required under s. 316.192, s. 316.193, s.
 55 322.2616, or s. 322.271;
 56 (d) A traffic-related felony; or
 57 (e) Designation as a habitual traffic offender under s.
 58 322.264.
 59 (5) For each person who consents to participate in the
 60 pilot program and establishes a partial payment agreement, the
 61 clerk of court must:
 62 (a) Test, at a minimum, the efficacy of communicating with
 63 the person via telephone, text message, e-mail, or other
 64 electronic means to notify the person of a payment's due date in
 65 advance and, if necessary thereafter, to notify the person of a
 66 missed payment; and
 67 (b) Establish consequences for failing to make timely
 68 payments under the partial payment agreement, including, but not
 69 limited to, specifying the period of time after which his or her
 70 license may be suspended for failing to make a payment.
 71 (6) Upon submission of the first payment in a partial
 72 payment agreement to the clerk of court, the clerk shall release
 73 the suspension of the person's driver license in the department
 74 database, or shall issue a written release for the person to
 75 present to the department or an authorized agent of the

76 department, after which the person's driving privilege shall be
 77 reinstated.

78 (7) (a) By December 31, 2024, each clerk of court
 79 participating in the pilot program shall submit a report to the
 80 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation that includes:

81 1. The number of cases paid in full.

82 2. The number of cases for which a partial payment
 83 agreement is established.

84 3. The number of driver license reinstatements.

85 4. The number of driver licenses made eligible for
 86 reinstatement.

87 5. The amount of fees and costs collected during the 3
 88 years preceding administration of the pilot program and
 89 throughout the duration of the pilot program.

90 6. The personnel, operating, security, and other
 91 expenditures incurred by the clerk of court.

92 7. The number of cases that fail to comply with a partial
 93 payment agreement and subsequently result in driver license
 94 suspension.

95 (b) By February 28, 2025, the Florida Clerks of Court
 96 Operations Corporation shall compile the reports received under
 97 paragraph (a) and submit such reports, along with a list of its
 98 findings and recommendations regarding the pilot program, to the
 99 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
 100 of Representatives, and the minority leaders of the Senate and

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101 the House of Representatives.

102 (8) The Drive for Success Pilot Program shall expire on
103 June 30, 2026, unless otherwise provided by law. The expiration
104 of the pilot program shall not affect the validity of a partial
105 payment agreement established before June 30, 2026.

106 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.