

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to sickle cell care management and  
 3           treatment education; creating s. 456.0311, F.S.;  
 4           requiring specified continuing education courses for  
 5           licensure renewal for specified health care  
 6           professions; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Section 456.0311, Florida Statutes, is created  
 11           to read:

12           456.0311 Requirement for instruction on sickle cell  
 13           disease.—

14           (1)(a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
 15           licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, or part I  
 16           of chapter 464 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course,  
 17           approved by the board, on sickle cell disease care management as  
 18           part of every second biennial licensure or certification  
 19           renewal. The course shall consist of education specific to  
 20           sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait including, but not  
 21           limited to, evidence-based treatment protocols for patients of  
 22           all ages, continuing patient and family education, periodic  
 23           comprehensive evaluations and other disease-specific health  
 24           maintenance services, psychosocial care, genetic counseling, and  
 25           pain management.

26 (b) Each such licensee or certificateholder shall submit  
 27 confirmation of having completed such course, on a form provided  
 28 by the board, when submitting fees for every second biennial  
 29 renewal.

30 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses  
 31 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).  
 32 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete an  
 33 educational course pursuant to this section may include the hour  
 34 required for completion of the course in the total hours of  
 35 continuing education required by law for such profession unless  
 36 the continuing education requirements for such profession  
 37 consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.

38 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the  
 39 provisions of this section shall be permitted to show proof of  
 40 having taken one board-approved course to satisfy the  
 41 requirements of paragraph (a), for purposes of relicensure or  
 42 recertification for additional licenses.

43 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this  
 44 section shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action under  
 45 each respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k). In  
 46 addition to discipline by the board, the licensee shall be  
 47 required to complete such course.

48 (2) Each board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions  
 49 of this section.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.