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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> House

Representative Zapata offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1183 and 1184, insert:

Section 12. Section 456.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.029 Education; substituting demonstration of competency for clock-hour requirements.—

(1) Any board, or the department when there is no board, that requires student completion of a specific number of clock hours of classroom instruction for initial licensure purposes shall establish the minimal competencies that such students must demonstrate in order to be licensed. The demonstration of such competencies may be substituted for specific classroom clock-hour requirements established in statute or rule which are related to instructional programs for licensure purposes. 140789

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Student demonstration of the established minimum competencies shall be certified by the educational institution. The provisions of This subsection does section shall not apply to boards for which federal licensure standards are more restrictive or stringent than the standards prescribed in statute.

(2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a processing fee of \$20 for the submission of confirmation for having completed the required continuing education courses or programs via paper. Such rules shall exempt from the processing fee any licensee who self reports such confirmation using the department's approved online continuing education tracking system.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Between lines 56 and 57, insert: requiring a fee for submission of certain paper documentation of continuing education courses;