

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to continuing education requirements  
 3           for health care practitioners; amending s. 456.031,  
 4           F.S.; providing requirements for instruction of  
 5           certain health care practitioners concerning  
 6           identification and reporting of child abuse; requiring  
 7           completion of domestic violence and child abuse  
 8           instruction as part of biennial relicensure or  
 9           recertification; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 14           456.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           456.031 Requirement for instruction on domestic violence  
 16           and child abuse.—

17           (1) (a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
 18           licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, part I of  
 19           chapter 464, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 490, or chapter  
 20           491 to complete a 3-hour ~~2-hour~~ continuing education course,  
 21           approved by the board, on domestic violence, as defined in s.  
 22           741.28, and the identification and reporting of child abuse, as  
 23           defined in s. 827.03, as part of ~~every third~~ biennial  
 24           relicensure or recertification. The course shall consist of  
 25           information on the number of patients in that professional's  
 26           practice who are likely to be victims of domestic violence or

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27 | child abuse and the number who are likely to be perpetrators of  
28 | domestic violence or child abuse, screening procedures for  
29 | determining whether a patient has any history of being either a  
30 | victim or a perpetrator of domestic violence or child abuse, and  
31 | instruction on how to provide such patients with information on,  
32 | or how to refer such patients to, resources in the local  
33 | community, such as domestic violence centers and other advocacy  
34 | groups, that provide legal aid, shelter, victim counseling,  
35 | batterer counseling, or child protection services.

36 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.