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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to Florida State University;  
creating a medical school at the university;  
amending s. 458.3145, F.S.; providing for the  
issuance of medical faculty certificates to  
faculty members at the school; providing an  
effective date.

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million residents of this state  
are older than 60 years of age, and

WHEREAS, almost one million of these residents are  
older than 80, and

WHEREAS, these residents account for 25 percent of the  
population of this state and a majority of the visits to  
physicians, and

WHEREAS, the health needs of older persons require  
health care providers who have been trained in primary care  
with a clinical focus on geriatric medicine, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. (1) There is established a medical school  
at Florida State University.

(2) The initial 2-year academic program will be  
provided at the Leon County campus, with rotations in local  
hospitals.

(3) The second 2-year clinical clerkship rotation will  
be coordinated with the Mayo Clinic in Duval County.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 458.3145, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

458.3145 Medical faculty certificate.--

1 (1) A medical faculty certificate may be issued  
2 without examination to an individual who:

3 (a) Is a graduate of an accredited medical school or  
4 its equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school  
5 listed with the World Health Organization;

6 (b) Holds a valid, current license to practice  
7 medicine in another jurisdiction;

8 (c) Has completed the application form and remitted a  
9 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500;

10 (d) Has completed an approved residency or fellowship  
11 of at least 1 year or has received training which has been  
12 determined by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year  
13 residency requirement;

14 (e) Is at least 21 years of age;

15 (f) Is of good moral character;

16 (g) Has not committed any act in this or any other  
17 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining  
18 a physician under s. 458.331;

19 (h) For any applicant who has graduated from medical  
20 school after October 1, 1992, has completed, before entering  
21 medical school, the equivalent of 2 academic years of  
22 preprofessional, postsecondary education, as determined by  
23 rule of the board, which must include, at a minimum, courses  
24 in such fields as anatomy, biology, and chemistry; and

25 (i) Has been offered and has accepted a full-time  
26 faculty appointment to teach in a program of medicine at:

- 27 1. The University of Florida,  
28 2. The University of Miami,  
29 3. The University of South Florida, ~~or~~  
30 4. Florida State University, or  
31 5.4. The Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Florida.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates a medical school at Florida State University, with clinical rotations coordinated with the Mayo Clinic in Duval County. Provides for the issuance of medical faculty certificates without examination for faculty at the school.