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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to the postsecondary education;  
 3                    establishing a 4-year medical school at Florida  
 4                    State University; providing legislative  
 5                    findings and intent; amending s. 458.3145,  
 6                    F.S.; providing for the issuance of a medical  
 7                    faculty certificate without examination to an  
 8                    individual who has received a full-time faculty  
 9                    appointment to teach a program of medicine at  
 10                  Florida State University; providing an  
 11                  effective date.

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 13                    WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that more than 3.5  
 14 million Florida residents are over 60 years of age, and

15                    WHEREAS, of those 3.5 million people, almost one  
 16 million are over 80 years of age, and

17                    WHEREAS, while this segment of Florida's citizenry  
 18 represents almost one-fourth of Florida's total population, it  
 19 accounts for the majority of visits to physicians, and

20                    WHEREAS, it is therefore the finding of the Legislature  
 21 that the health needs of this population are significant,  
 22 unique, and require specialized medical training, and

23                    WHEREAS, it is the further finding of the Legislature  
 24 that the medical education of physicians serving this segment  
 25 of Florida's population should be focused on primary care with  
 26 a clinical orientation in geriatric medicine, and

27                    WHEREAS, it is therefore the intent of the Legislature  
 28 to establish a medical school whose primary focus is  
 29 recruiting and training medical professionals to serve this  
 30 population and to serve as a resource for providing and  
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1 directing medical care for the elderly in this state, NOW,  
2 THEREFORE,

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

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6           Section 1. There is established a 4-year medical  
7 school within Florida State University. The initial 2-year  
8 academic education will be provided at Florida State  
9 University, in Leon County, with rotation in local community  
10 hospitals. The second 2-year clinical clerkship rotation will  
11 be coordinated with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

12           Section 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) and  
13 subsection (4) of section 458.3145, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15           458.3145 Medical faculty certificate.--

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

18           (a) Is a graduate of an accredited medical school or  
19 its equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school  
20 listed with the World Health Organization;

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

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

25           (d) Has completed an approved residency or fellowship  
26 of at least 1 year or has received training which has been  
27 determined by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year  
28 residency requirement;

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

30           (f) Is of good moral character;

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

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

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

- 12 1. The University of Florida,
- 13 2. The University of Miami,
- 14 3. The University of South Florida, ~~or~~
- 15 4. Florida State University, or
- 16 5.4. The Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Florida.

17 (2) The certificate authorizes the holder to practice  
18 only in conjunction with his or her faculty position at an  
19 accredited medical school and its affiliated clinical  
20 facilities or teaching hospitals that are registered with the  
21 Board of Medicine as sites at which holders of medical faculty  
22 certificates will be practicing. Such certificate  
23 automatically expires when the holder's relationship with the  
24 medical school is terminated or after a period of 24 months,  
25 whichever occurs sooner, and is renewable every 2 years by a  
26 holder who applies to the board on a form prescribed by the  
27 board and provides certification by the dean of the medical  
28 school that the holder is a distinguished medical scholar and  
29 an outstanding practicing physician.

30 (3) The holder of a medical faculty certificate issued  
31 under this section has all rights and responsibilities

1 prescribed by law for the holder of a license issued under s.  
2 458.311, except as specifically provided otherwise by law.  
3 Such responsibilities include compliance with continuing  
4 medical education requirements as set forth by rule of the  
5 board. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under  
6 chapter 395, health maintenance organization certified under  
7 chapter 641, insurer as defined in s. 624.03,  
8 multiple-employer welfare arrangement as defined in s.  
9 624.437, or any other entity in this state, in considering and  
10 acting upon an application for staff membership, clinical  
11 privileges, or other credentials as a health care provider,  
12 may not deny the application of an otherwise qualified  
13 physician for such staff membership, clinical privileges, or  
14 other credentials solely because the applicant is a holder of  
15 a medical faculty certificate under this section.

16 (4) In any year, the maximum number of extended  
17 medical faculty certificate holders as provided in subsection  
18 (2) may not exceed 15 persons at each institution named in  
19 subparagraphs (1)(i)~~1.-4.3~~ and at the facility named in s.  
20 240.512 and may not exceed 5 persons at the institution named  
21 in subparagraph (1)(i)5.4.

22 5. Annual review of all such certificate recipients  
23 will be made by the deans of the accredited 4-year medical  
24 schools within this state and reported to the Board of  
25 Medicine.

26 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any physician,  
27 when providing medical care or treatment in connection with  
28 the education of students, residents, or faculty at the  
29 request of the dean of an accredited medical school within  
30 this state or at the request of the medical director of a  
31 statutory teaching hospital as defined in s. 408.07, may do so

1 upon registration with the board and demonstration of  
2 financial responsibility pursuant to s. 458.320(1) or (2)  
3 unless such physician is exempt under s. 458.320(5)(a). The  
4 performance of such medical care or treatment must be limited  
5 to a single period of time, which may not exceed 180  
6 consecutive days, and must be rendered within a facility  
7 registered under subsection (2) or within a statutory teaching  
8 hospital as defined in s. 408.07. A registration fee not to  
9 exceed \$300, as set by the board, is required of each  
10 physician registered under this subsection. However, no more  
11 than three physicians per year per institution may be  
12 registered under this subsection, and an exemption under this  
13 subsection may not be granted to a physician more than once in  
14 any given 5-year period.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
16 law.

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19 HOUSE SUMMARY

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23 issuance of a medical faculty certificate without  
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25 faculty appointment to teach a program of medicine at  
26 Florida State University.

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