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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary education;  
3           establishing the Program in Medical Sciences as  
4           a 2-year medical school within the Florida  
5           State University; providing legislative  
6           findings and intent; amending s. 458.3145,  
7           F.S.; providing for the issuance of a medical  
8           faculty certificate without examination to an  
9           individual who has received a full-time faculty  
10          appointment to teach a program of medicine at  
11          Florida State University; requiring the Board  
12          of Regents to commission an independent study;  
13          providing components of the study; providing  
14          for submission of the study to the Governor,  
15          the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
16          the House of Representatives by January 1,  
17          1999; providing an effective date and a future  
18          contingent effective date.

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

22           WHEREAS, of those 3.5 million people, almost one  
23 million are over 80 years of age, and

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

27           WHEREAS, it is therefore the finding of the Legislature  
28 that the health needs of this population are significant,  
29 unique, and require specialized medical training, and

30           WHEREAS, it is the further finding of the Legislature  
31 that the medical education of physicians serving this segment

1 of Florida's population should be focused on primary care with  
2 a clinical orientation in geriatric medicine, and

3 WHEREAS, it is therefore the intent of the Legislature  
4 to establish a medical school whose primary focus is  
5 recruiting and training medical professionals to serve this  
6 population and to serve as a resource for providing and  
7 directing medical care for the elderly in this state, NOW,  
8 THEREFORE,

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

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12 Section 1. The Program in Medical Sciences (PIMS) at  
13 the Florida State University is established as a 2-year  
14 medical program within the Florida State University. After  
15 the initial 2-year academic education is provided at the  
16 Florida State University, in Leon County, with rotation in  
17 local community hospitals, the second 2-year clinical rotation  
18 for Program In Medical Sciences (PIMS) students will include  
19 experience in underserved areas and will be coordinated with  
20 the University of Florida and the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville,  
21 Florida. The medical degree will be conferred by the  
22 University of Florida. Students will be actively recruited  
23 from underserved rural and urban areas of Florida, and all  
24 training will emphasize the unique medical needs of Florida's  
25 elder citizens.

26 Section 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) and  
27 subsection (4) of section 458.3145, Florida Statutes, is  
28 amended to read:

29 458.3145 Medical faculty certificate.--

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

- 1 (a) Is a graduate of an accredited medical school or  
2 its equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school  
3 listed with the World Health Organization;
- 4 (b) Holds a valid, current license to practice  
5 medicine in another jurisdiction;
- 6 (c) Has completed the application form and remitted a  
7 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500;
- 8 (d) Has completed an approved residency or fellowship  
9 of at least 1 year or has received training which has been  
10 determined by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year  
11 residency requirement;
- 12 (e) Is at least 21 years of age;
- 13 (f) Is of good moral character;
- 14 (g) Has not committed any act in this or any other  
15 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining  
16 a physician under s. 458.331;
- 17 (h) For any applicant who has graduated from medical  
18 school after October 1, 1992, has completed, before entering  
19 medical school, the equivalent of 2 academic years of  
20 preprofessional, postsecondary education, as determined by  
21 rule of the board, which must include, at a minimum, courses  
22 in such fields as anatomy, biology, and chemistry; and
- 23 (i) Has been offered and has accepted a full-time  
24 faculty appointment to teach in a program of medicine at:
- 25 1. The University of Florida,  
26 2. The University of Miami,  
27 3. The University of South Florida, ~~or~~  
28 4. Florida State University, or  
29 5.4. The Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Florida.
- 30 (2) The certificate authorizes the holder to practice  
31 only in conjunction with his or her faculty position at an

1 accredited medical school and its affiliated clinical  
2 facilities or teaching hospitals that are registered with the  
3 Board of Medicine as sites at which holders of medical faculty  
4 certificates will be practicing. Such certificate  
5 automatically expires when the holder's relationship with the  
6 medical school is terminated or after a period of 24 months,  
7 whichever occurs sooner, and is renewable every 2 years by a  
8 holder who applies to the board on a form prescribed by the  
9 board and provides certification by the dean of the medical  
10 school that the holder is a distinguished medical scholar and  
11 an outstanding practicing physician.

12 (3) The holder of a medical faculty certificate issued  
13 under this section has all rights and responsibilities  
14 prescribed by law for the holder of a license issued under s.  
15 458.311, except as specifically provided otherwise by law.  
16 Such responsibilities include compliance with continuing  
17 medical education requirements as set forth by rule of the  
18 board. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under  
19 chapter 395, health maintenance organization certified under  
20 chapter 641, insurer as defined in s. 624.03,  
21 multiple-employer welfare arrangement as defined in s.  
22 624.437, or any other entity in this state, in considering and  
23 acting upon an application for staff membership, clinical  
24 privileges, or other credentials as a health care provider,  
25 may not deny the application of an otherwise qualified  
26 physician for such staff membership, clinical privileges, or  
27 other credentials solely because the applicant is a holder of  
28 a medical faculty certificate under this section.

29 (4) In any year, the maximum number of extended  
30 medical faculty certificate holders as provided in subsection  
31 (2) may not exceed 15 persons at each institution named in

1 subparagraphs (1)(i)1.-~~4.3~~ and at the facility named in s.  
2 240.512 and may not exceed 5 persons at the institution named  
3 in subparagraph (1)(i)~~5.4~~.

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

8           (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any physician,  
9 when providing medical care or treatment in connection with  
10 the education of students, residents, or faculty at the  
11 request of the dean of an accredited medical school within  
12 this state or at the request of the medical director of a  
13 statutory teaching hospital as defined in s. 408.07, may do so  
14 upon registration with the board and demonstration of  
15 financial responsibility pursuant to s. 458.320(1) or (2)  
16 unless such physician is exempt under s. 458.320(5)(a). The  
17 performance of such medical care or treatment must be limited  
18 to a single period of time, which may not exceed 180  
19 consecutive days, and must be rendered within a facility  
20 registered under subsection (2) or within a statutory teaching  
21 hospital as defined in s. 408.07. A registration fee not to  
22 exceed \$300, as set by the board, is required of each  
23 physician registered under this subsection. However, no more  
24 than three physicians per year per institution may be  
25 registered under this subsection, and an exemption under this  
26 subsection may not be granted to a physician more than once in  
27 any given 5-year period.

28           Section 3. (1) The Board of Regents is directed to  
29 commission an independent study of medical education in  
30 Florida. In commissioning the study, the Board of Regents  
31 shall solicit the involvement of affected universities in

1 Florida and clinical facilities, including the Mayo Clinic in  
2 Jacksonville, with which the universities propose to affiliate  
3 in order to provide clinical components of the curriculum. The  
4 purpose of the study shall be to assess the current adequacy  
5 and capacity of the state's undergraduate and graduate medical  
6 education and training programs by determining whether older  
7 Floridians have access to an adequate supply of geriatricians  
8 and primary care physicians who understand the unique medical  
9 needs of Florida's elders, and whether underrepresented  
10 populations have fair and adequate access to medical education  
11 and training in Florida. The study shall include:

12 (a) Recommended strategies to ensure access to medical  
13 education by people from underserved rural and urban areas.

14 (b) Recommended strategies to increase the production  
15 of primary care physicians who understand the unique medical  
16 needs of Florida's elders.

17 (c) Issues that may be raised by the Liaison Committee  
18 on Medical Education (LCME) and recommendations to resolve  
19 such issues. The Liaison Committee on Medical Education shall  
20 be invited to Florida in order to identify any areas of  
21 concern in order to clarify and reach agreement regarding  
22 actions necessary to address LCME concerns.

23 (d) A specific study of the fiscal and programmatic  
24 implications of adding a second year to the Program in Medical  
25 Sciences (PIMS) at Florida State University as provided for in  
26 this act.

27 (e) Recommended strategies, an implementation plan,  
28 and a timeline to achieve the objectives of the study and an  
29 estimate of the fiscal and programmatic considerations  
30 associated with each recommendation.

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1 The study shall be considered by the Board of Regents in  
2 developing its 5-year plan, and shall be submitted to the  
3 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
4 House of Representatives by January 1, 1999.

5 (2) This section shall take effect upon becoming a  
6 law.

7 Section 4. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
8 act shall take effect July 1, 1999, unless repealed during the  
9 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature. It is the intent of  
10 the Legislature to repeal this act in the event that:

11 (1) The study commissioned by the Board of Regents  
12 pursuant to this act finds that the expansion of the Program  
13 in Medical Sciences at Florida State University under this act  
14 would unquestionably jeopardize the accreditation of the  
15 University of Florida School of Medicine; or

16 (2) The Legislature determines, based upon an  
17 independent analysis of cost, that the cost of the expansion  
18 of the Program in Medical Sciences at Florida State University  
19 under this act is too prohibitive, and decides to cease  
20 funding of the expansion.

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