

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to chiropractic education; amending s.
 3 400.9905, F.S.; providing that pt. XIII of ch. 400, F.S.,
 4 the Health Care Clinic Act, does not apply to clinical
 5 facilities affiliated with certain chiropractic colleges;
 6 creating s. 460.4064, F.S.; providing legislative intent;
 7 authorizing chiropractic college-based internships;
 8 providing eligibility requirements for registration of
 9 chiropractic interns; providing requirements for approval
 10 of chiropractic college-based internship programs;
 11 requiring an annual report to the Board of Chiropractic
 12 Medicine; requiring the board to adopt implementing rules;
 13 providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of
 18 section 400.9905, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 400.9905 Definitions.--

20 (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services
 21 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for
 22 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a
 23 portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term
 24 does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do
 25 not apply to:

26 (j) Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of
 27 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education
 28 at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

29 Section 2. Section 460.4064, Florida Statutes, is created
 30 to read:

31 460.4064 Chiropractic college-based internships;
 32 registration of participating chiropractic interns.--

33 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to authorize and
 34 encourage the participation of chiropractic students in
 35 internship programs based in clinics associated with colleges of
 36 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic
 37 Education. Such chiropractic college-based internships are an
 38 alternative to the community-based internships provided in s.
 39 460.402(6).

40 (2) Any chiropractic student desiring to provide
 41 chiropractic treatment as a chiropractic intern participating in
 42 a chiropractic college-based internship program shall apply to
 43 the department to be registered as a chiropractic intern and
 44 remit a fee, not to exceed \$100, as set by the board. The
 45 department shall register any applicant the board certifies
 46 meets the following requirements:

47 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.

48 (b) Has not committed any act or offense within or outside
 49 the state that would constitute the basis for disciplinary
 50 action under this chapter or chapter 456.

51 (c) Is not currently under investigation in any state for
 52 an act or offense that would constitute the basis for
 53 disciplinary action under this chapter or chapter 456.

54 (3) Registration under this section is valid for a period
 55 of 1 year and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee, not
 56 to exceed \$100, as set by the board.

57 (4) A chiropractic student is eligible to register as a
58 chiropractic intern under this section only if the chiropractic
59 college-based internship program has been approved by the board.
60 The board shall approve a chiropractic college-based internship
61 program if the program meets the following requirements:

62 (a) The program shall meet current Council on Chiropractic
63 Education standards for consumer protection.

64 (b) The program shall be an established component of the
65 curriculum offered by the college of chiropractic.

66 (c) The program shall require all interns who participate
67 in the program to meet all requirements for internship as
68 established by the Council on Chiropractic Education.

69 (d) The program shall provide for supervision of interns
70 by full-time or adjunct faculty members, pursuant to a
71 supervision plan submitted by the college and approved by the
72 board. The plan shall specify the procedures that may be
73 performed by interns, the degree of supervision over each
74 intern, the number of interns that may be supervised by any one
75 faculty member, the qualifications required for faculty members
76 to participate in the program, the legal liability for the acts
77 or omissions of the intern, and such other matters as the board
78 requires by rule.

79 (5) A college of chiropractic operating a college-based
80 internship program shall annually report to the board the names
81 and license or certificate numbers of all faculty members
82 participating in the program.

83 (6) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)
84 and 120.54 to implement this section.

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