

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Higher Education Committee

BILL: CS/SB 2366

INTRODUCER: Higher Education Committee and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

SUBJECT: Medical Faculty Certificates

DATE: April 8, 2008                      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Munroe	Wilson	HR	Favorable
2.	Harkey	Matthews	HE	Fav/CS
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:**

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| A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statement of Substantial Changes        |
| B. AMENDMENTS.....           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Technical amendments were recommended   |
|                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Amendments were recommended             |
|                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Significant amendments were recommended |

**I. Summary:**

This bill would add the Florida International University and the University of Central Florida to the list of medical schools or teaching institutions where a physician who is not licensed to practice in Florida may be issued a medical faculty certificate that would authorize the physician to practice medicine in conjunction with a full-time faculty position. The number of faculty medical faculty certificates that could be issued at each university would be limited to 15 per year.

This bill amends section 458.3145, Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Department of Health may issue a medical faculty certificate without examination to an individual who:

- Is a graduate of an accredited medical school or its equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school listed with the World Health Organization;
- Holds a valid, current license to practice medicine in another jurisdiction;

- Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee no greater than \$500;
- Has completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least one year or has received training which has been determined by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement;
- Is at least 21 years of age;
- Is of good moral character;
- Has not committed any act in Florida or any other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a physician; and
- Has been offered and has accepted a full-time faculty appointment to teach in a program of medicine at the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, or the Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

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

The number of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to each institution or facility in any year is limited to a maximum of 15 medical faculty certificate holders at: the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida. A maximum of five medical faculty certificate holders may be issued to the Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.<sup>1</sup>

An annual review of each certificate recipient is made by the dean of the accredited medical school and reported to the Board of Medicine.

The Florida International University College of Medicine and University of Central Florida College of Medicine were created by the Legislature in 2006. Both institutions will begin offering courses in the fall of 2009.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill adds Florida International University and the University of Central Florida to the list of medical schools or teaching institutions where a physician who is not licensed to practice in Florida may be issued a medical faculty certificate that would authorize the physician to practice medicine in conjunction with a full-time faculty position. The number of faculty medical faculty certificates that could be issued at each university would be limited to 15 per year.

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<sup>1</sup> s. 458.3145(4), F.S.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department of Health reports that there may be additional workload resulting from the increase in applications it receives for medical faculty certificates issued at the Florida International University College of Medicine or the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. The Department of Health indicates that the fiscal impact of the bill may not be determined.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)**CS by Higher Education, April 8, 2008:**

The committee substitute limits the number of medical faculty certificates in any year to 15 certificates per university.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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