By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to medical faculty certificates; amending s. 458.3145, F.S.; authorizing additional universities to employ medical faculty certificateholders; providing a limitation on the number of certificateholders per university; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 458.3145, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

458.3145 Medical faculty certificate. --

- (1) A medical faculty certificate may be issued without examination to an individual who:
- (a) 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;
- (b) Holds a valid, current license to practice medicine in another jurisdiction;
- (c) Has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500;
- (d) Has completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least 1 year or has received training which has been determined by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement;
  - (e) Is at least 21 years of age;
  - (f) Is of good moral character;
- (g) Has not committed any act in this or any other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a

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physician under s. 458.331;

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- (h) For any applicant who has graduated from medical school after October 1, 1992, has completed, before entering medical school, the equivalent of 2 academic years of preprofessional, postsecondary education, as determined by rule of the board, which must include, at a minimum, courses in such fields as anatomy, biology, and chemistry; and
- (i) Has been offered and has accepted a full-time faculty appointment to teach in a program of medicine at:
  - 1. The University of Florida,
  - 2. The University of Miami,
  - 3. The University of South Florida,
  - 4. The Florida State University, or
  - 5. The Florida International University,
  - 6. The University of Central Florida, or
- 7.5. The Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.
- (4) In any year, the maximum number of extended medical faculty certificateholders as provided in subsection (2) may not exceed 15 persons at each institution named in subparagraphs (1)(i)1.-6. (1)(i)1.-4. and at the facility named in s. 1004.43 and may not exceed 5 persons at the institution named in subparagraph (1)(i)7. (1)(i)5.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.