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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to instruction on human trafficking;  
3       creating s. 456.0315, F.S.; providing that certain  
4       licensing boards must require specified licensees to  
5       complete a continuing education course on human  
6       trafficking as a condition of relicensure or  
7       recertification; providing requirements and procedures  
8       related to the course; providing that failure to  
9       complete the course is grounds for disciplinary  
10      action; providing rulemaking authority; providing an  
11      effective date.

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

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15       Section 1. Section 456.0315, Florida Statutes, is created  
16 to read:

17       456.0315 Requirement for continuing education on human  
18 trafficking.-

19       (1) (a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
20 licensed or certified under chapter 458 or chapter 459 to  
21 complete a 1-hour continuing education course, approved by the  
22 board, on human trafficking, as defined in s. 787.06(2), as part  
23 of every third biennial relicensure or recertification. The  
24 course shall consist of data and information on the extent of  
25 labor and sex trafficking; risk factors and indicators to  
26 recognize human trafficking victims; management of medical  
27 records of patients who are human trafficking victims; patient  
28 safety and security; public and private social services  
29 available for rescue, food, clothing, and shelter referrals;

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30 hotlines for reporting human trafficking maintained by the  
31 National Human Trafficking Resource Center and the United States  
32 Department of Homeland Security; validated assessment tools for  
33 identifying human trafficking victims; procedures for sharing  
34 information related to human trafficking with a patient; and  
35 referral options for legal and social services as appropriate.

36 (b) Each licensee or certificateholder shall submit  
37 confirmation of having completed the continuing education  
38 course, on a form provided by the board, when submitting fees  
39 for every third biennial relicensure or recertification.

40 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses  
41 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).  
42 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete a  
43 continuing education course pursuant to this subsection may  
44 include the hour required for completion of the course in the  
45 total hours of continuing education required by law for the  
46 profession, unless the continuing education requirements for the  
47 profession consist of fewer than 30 hours of continuing  
48 education biennially.

49 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the  
50 provisions of this subsection shall be permitted to show proof  
51 of completion of one board-approved course on human trafficking  
52 for purposes of relicensure or recertification for additional  
53 licenses.

54 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this  
55 subsection shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action  
56 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and s. 456.072(1)(k). In  
57 addition to discipline by the board, the licensee shall be  
58 required to complete the board-approved course under this

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59 subsection.

60 (2) Each board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions  
61 of this section.

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.