

By Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical faculty certification;
3 amending s. 458.3145, F.S.; revising the list of
4 schools at which certain faculty members are eligible
5 to receive a medical faculty certificate; authorizing
6 a certificateholder to practice at certain specialty-
7 licensed children's hospitals; revising provisions to
8 allow the dean of a medical school outside the state
9 to make an annual review or request the provision of
10 medical care or treatment in connection with
11 education; providing an 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 458.3145, Florida Statutes, is amended
16 to read:

17 458.3145 Medical faculty certificate.—

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

20 (a) Is a graduate of an accredited medical school or its
21 equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school listed
22 with the World Health Organization;

23 (b) Holds a valid, current license to practice medicine in
24 another jurisdiction;

25 (c) Has completed the application form and remitted a
26 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$500;

27 (d) Has completed an approved residency or fellowship of at
28 least 1 year or has received training which has been determined
29 by the board to be equivalent to the 1-year residency
30 requirement;

31 (e) Is at least 21 years of age;

32 (f) Is of good moral character;

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33 (g) Has not committed any act in this or any other
34 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a
35 physician under s. 458.331;

36 (h) For any applicant who has graduated from medical school
37 after October 1, 1992, has completed, before entering medical
38 school, the equivalent of 2 academic years of preprofessional,
39 postsecondary education, as determined by rule of the board,
40 which must include, at a minimum, courses in such fields as
41 anatomy, biology, and chemistry; and

42 (i) Has been offered and has accepted a full-time faculty
43 appointment to teach in a program of medicine at:

- 44 1. The University of Florida;
- 45 2. The University of Miami;
- 46 3. The University of South Florida;
- 47 4. The Florida State University;
- 48 5. The Florida International University;
- 49 6. The University of Central Florida;
- 50 7. The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Jacksonville,
51 Florida; ~~or~~
- 52 8. The Florida Atlantic University; or
- 53 9. The Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St.
54 Petersburg, Florida.

55 (2) The certificate authorizes the holder to practice only
56 in conjunction with his or her faculty position at an accredited
57 medical school and its affiliated clinical facilities or
58 teaching hospitals that are registered with the Board of
59 Medicine as sites at which holders of medical faculty
60 certificates will be practicing, or a specialty-licensed
61 children's hospital licensed under chapter 395 that is

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62 affiliated with an accredited medical school and its affiliated
63 clinics. Such certificate automatically expires when the
64 holder's relationship with the medical school is terminated or
65 after a period of 24 months, whichever occurs sooner, and is
66 renewable every 2 years by a holder who applies to the board on
67 a form prescribed by the board and provides certification by the
68 dean of the medical school that the holder is a distinguished
69 medical scholar and an outstanding practicing physician.

70 (3) The holder of a medical faculty certificate issued
71 under this section has all rights and responsibilities
72 prescribed by law for the holder of a license issued under s.
73 458.311, except as specifically provided otherwise by law. Such
74 responsibilities include compliance with continuing medical
75 education requirements as set forth by rule of the board. A
76 hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter
77 395, health maintenance organization certified under chapter
78 641, insurer as defined in s. 624.03, multiple-employer welfare
79 arrangement as defined in s. 624.437, or any other entity in
80 this state, in considering and acting upon an application for
81 staff membership, clinical privileges, or other credentials as a
82 health care provider, may not deny the application of an
83 otherwise qualified physician for such staff membership,
84 clinical privileges, or other credentials solely because the
85 applicant is a holder of a medical faculty certificate under
86 this section.

87 (4) In any year, the maximum number of extended medical
88 faculty certificateholders as provided in subsection (2) may not
89 exceed 30 persons at each institution named in subparagraphs
90 (1) (i) 1.-6., 8., and 9. ~~and 8.~~ and at the facility named in s.

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91 1004.43 and may not exceed 10 persons at the institution named
92 in subparagraph (1)(i)7.

93 (5) Annual review of all such certificate recipients will
94 be made by the deans of the accredited 4-year medical schools
95 ~~within this state~~ and reported to the Board of Medicine.

96 (6) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any physician, when
97 providing medical care or treatment in connection with the
98 education of students, residents, or faculty at the request of
99 the dean of an accredited medical school ~~within this state~~ or at
100 the request of the medical director of a statutory teaching
101 hospital as defined in s. 408.07 or a specialty-licensed
102 children's hospital licensed under chapter 395, may do so upon
103 registration with the board and demonstration of financial
104 responsibility pursuant to s. 458.320(1) or (2) unless such
105 physician is exempt under s. 458.320(5)(a). The performance of
106 such medical care or treatment must be limited to a single
107 period of time, which may not exceed 180 consecutive days, and
108 must be rendered within a facility registered under subsection
109 (2) or within a statutory teaching hospital as defined in s.
110 408.07. A registration fee not to exceed \$300, as set by the
111 board, is required of each physician registered under this
112 subsection. However, no more than three physicians per year per
113 institution may be registered under this subsection, and an
114 exemption under this subsection may not be granted to a
115 physician more than once in any given 5-year period.

116 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.