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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Rules (Clemens) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 25 - 32  
and insert:  
problem must be raised among Florida's practitioners. Before  
December 31, 2017, each physician licensed pursuant to chapter  
458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, who is registered with the  
United States Drug Enforcement Agency to prescribe controlled  
substances pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s. 822 shall complete a 2-hour  
continuing education course offered by a statewide professional  
association of physicians in this state which is accredited to



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12 provide educational activities designated for the American  
13 Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award (AMA PRA)  
14 Category 1 Credit or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)  
15 Category 1-A continuing medical education (CME) credit. The  
16 course must contain information on the current standards  
17 regarding opiate prescribing and alternatives to these  
18 standards, and information on the risks of opioid addiction  
19 following even brief periods of treatment in the management of  
20 acute pain. The course may be offered in a distance-learning  
21 format and must be included within the number of continuing  
22 medical education hours required by law. Failure to complete the  
23 course before December 31, 2017 constitutes grounds for  
24 disciplinary action under s. 456.072(1)(e), Florida Statutes,  
25 and chapter 458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, as applicable.  
26 Effective January 1, 2020, completion of this course is required  
27 as a condition of licensure renewal for every physician  
28 registered with the United States Drug Enforcement  
29 Administration to prescribe controlled substances.

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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete lines 3 - 6

34 and insert:

35 providing legislative findings; requiring specified  
36 physicians who are registered with the United States  
37 Drug Enforcement Agency to prescribe controlled  
38 substances to complete a continuing education course  
39 before a certain date; specifying requirements for the  
40 continuing education course; authorizing the course to



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41           be offered in a distance-learning format; creating  
42           grounds for disciplinary actions for failure to meet  
43           the course requirements; providing that completion of  
44           the course is a condition of licensure renewal as of a  
45           certain date; amending s.