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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Rouson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment to Amendment (886046)**

Delete lines 10 - 247

and insert:

school, college, or program accredited by a programmatic  
accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of  
Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the~~  
~~Council on Chiropractic Education~~ and participating in either:

(a) A community-based internship under the direct  
supervision of a doctor of chiropractic medicine who is



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11 credentialed as an adjunct faculty member of a chiropractic  
12 college in which the student is enrolled; or

13 (b) A chiropractic college clinical internship under the  
14 direct supervision of a doctor of chiropractic medicine who is a  
15 full-time, part-time, or adjunct faculty member of a  
16 chiropractic college ~~located in this state and~~ accredited by a  
17 programmatic accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
18 Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education  
19 Accreditation ~~the Council on Chiropractic Education~~ and who  
20 holds a current, active Florida chiropractor's license.

21 Section 2. Subsection (4) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
22 (9) of section 460.403, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 460.403 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

24 (4) (a) "Community-based internship" means a program in  
25 which a student enrolled in the last year of a chiropractic  
26 college accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency  
27 recognized by the United States Department of Education or the  
28 Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on~~  
29 ~~Chiropractic Education~~ is approved to obtain required  
30 pregraduation clinical experience in a chiropractic clinic or  
31 practice under the direct supervision of a doctor of  
32 chiropractic medicine approved as an adjunct faculty member of  
33 the chiropractic college in which the student is enrolled,  
34 according to the teaching protocols for the clinical practice  
35 requirements of the college.

36 (b) "Chiropractic college clinical internship" means a  
37 program in which a student enrolled in a chiropractic college  
38 ~~located in this state and~~ accredited by a programmatic  
39 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of



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40 Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the~~  
41 ~~Council on Chiropractic Education~~ obtains clinical experience  
42 pursuant to the chiropractic college's curriculum in a classroom  
43 or chiropractic clinic operated by the chiropractic college,  
44 according to the teaching protocols for the clinical practice  
45 requirements of the college.

46 (9) (a) "Practice of chiropractic medicine" means a  
47 noncombative principle and practice consisting of the science,  
48 philosophy, and art of the adjustment, manipulation, and  
49 treatment of the human body in which vertebral subluxations and  
50 other malpositioned articulations and structures that are  
51 interfering with the normal generation, transmission, and  
52 expression of nerve impulse between the brain, organs, and  
53 tissue cells of the body, thereby causing disease, are adjusted,  
54 manipulated, or treated, thus restoring the normal flow of nerve  
55 impulse which produces normal function and consequent health by  
56 chiropractic physicians using specific chiropractic adjustment  
57 or manipulation techniques taught in chiropractic colleges  
58 accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency recognized by  
59 the United States Department of Education or the Council for  
60 Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on Chiropractic~~  
61 ~~Education~~. No person other than a licensed chiropractic  
62 physician may render chiropractic services, chiropractic  
63 adjustments, or chiropractic manipulations.

64 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 460.406,  
65 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

66 460.406 Licensure by examination.—

67 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a chiropractic  
68 physician must apply to the department to take the licensure



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69 examination. There shall be an application fee set by the board  
70 not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall  
71 also be an examination fee not to exceed \$500 plus the actual  
72 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of portions of  
73 the examination from the National Board of Chiropractic  
74 Examiners or a similar national organization, which may be  
75 refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the  
76 examination. The department shall examine each applicant who the  
77 board certifies has:

78 (a) Completed the application form and remitted the  
79 appropriate fee.

80 (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the department that he  
81 or she is not less than 18 years of age.

82 (c) Submitted proof satisfactory to the department that he  
83 or she is a graduate of a chiropractic college ~~which is~~  
84 accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency recognized by  
85 the United States Department of Education or the Council for  
86 Higher Education Accreditation ~~or has status with the Council on~~  
87 ~~Chiropractic Education or its predecessor agency.~~ However, any  
88 applicant who is a graduate of a chiropractic college that was  
89 initially accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education in  
90 1995, who graduated from such college within the 4 years  
91 immediately preceding such accreditation, and who is otherwise  
92 qualified shall be eligible to take the examination. No  
93 application for a license to practice chiropractic medicine  
94 shall be denied solely because the applicant is a graduate of a  
95 chiropractic college that subscribes to one philosophy of  
96 chiropractic medicine as distinguished from another.

97 (d)1. For an applicant who has matriculated in a



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98 chiropractic college before ~~prior to~~ July 2, 1990, completed at  
99 least 2 years of residence college work, consisting of a minimum  
100 of one-half the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree granted  
101 on the basis of a 4-year period of study, in a college or  
102 university accredited by a programmatic ~~an~~ accrediting agency  
103 recognized and approved by the United States Department of  
104 Education. However, before ~~prior to~~ being certified by the board  
105 to sit for the examination, each applicant who has matriculated  
106 in a chiropractic college after July 1, 1990, shall have been  
107 granted a bachelor's degree, based upon 4 academic years of  
108 study, by a college or university accredited by a regional  
109 accrediting agency which is a member of the Commission on  
110 Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.

111 2. Effective July 1, 2000, completed, before ~~prior to~~  
112 matriculation in a chiropractic college, at least 3 years of  
113 residence college work, consisting of a minimum of 90 semester  
114 hours leading to a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts college  
115 or university accredited by a programmatic ~~an~~ accrediting agency  
116 recognized and approved by the United States Department of  
117 Education. However, before ~~prior to~~ being certified by the board  
118 to sit for the examination, each applicant who has matriculated  
119 in a chiropractic college after July 1, 2000, shall have been  
120 granted a bachelor's degree from an institution holding  
121 accreditation for that degree from a regional accrediting agency  
122 which is recognized by the United States Department of  
123 Education. The applicant's chiropractic degree must consist of  
124 credits earned in the chiropractic program and may not include  
125 academic credit for courses from the bachelor's degree.

126 (e) Successfully completed the National Board of



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127 Chiropractic Examiners certification examination in parts I, II,  
128 III, and IV, and the physiotherapy examination of the National  
129 Board of Chiropractic Examiners, with a score approved by the  
130 board.

131 (f) Submitted to the department a set of fingerprints on a  
132 form and under procedures specified by the department, along  
133 with payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the  
134 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the  
135 applicant.

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137 The board may require an applicant who graduated from an  
138 institution accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education  
139 more than 10 years before the date of application to the board  
140 to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special  
141 Purposes Examination for Chiropractic, or its equivalent, as  
142 determined by the board. The board shall establish by rule a  
143 passing score.

144 (5) A student in a school or college of chiropractic  
145 accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency recognized by  
146 the United States Department of Education or the Council for  
147 Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on Chiropractic~~  
148 ~~Education or its successor~~ in the final year of the program may  
149 file an application pursuant to subsection (1), take all  
150 examinations required for licensure, and submit a set of  
151 fingerprints, ~~and pay all fees required for licensure~~. A  
152 chiropractic student who successfully completes the licensure  
153 examinations and who otherwise meets all requirements for  
154 licensure as a chiropractic physician during the student's final  
155 year must have graduated before being certified for licensure



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156 pursuant to this section.

157 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 460.4062, Florida  
158 Statutes, are amended to read:

159 460.4062 Chiropractic medicine faculty certificate.—

160 (1) The department may issue a chiropractic medicine  
161 faculty certificate without examination to an individual who  
162 remits a nonrefundable application fee, not to exceed \$100 as  
163 determined by rule of the board, and who demonstrates to the  
164 board that he or she meets the following requirements:

165 (a) Is a graduate of a ~~an accredited~~ school or college of  
166 chiropractic accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency  
167 recognized by the United States Department of Education or the  
168 Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on~~  
169 ~~Chiropractic Education.~~

170 (b) Holds a valid current license to practice chiropractic  
171 medicine in another jurisdiction in the United States.

172 (c) Is at least 21 years of age and of good moral  
173 character.

174 (d) Has not committed any act or offense in any  
175 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for discipline  
176 under this chapter or chapter 456.

177 (e)1. Performs research or has been offered and has  
178 accepted a full-time or part-time faculty appointment to teach  
179 in a program of chiropractic medicine at a publicly funded state  
180 university or college or at a college of chiropractic located in  
181 the state and accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency  
182 recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the  
183 Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on~~  
184 ~~Chiropractic Education;~~ and



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185           2. Provides a certification from the dean of the appointing  
186 college acknowledging the appointment.

187           Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
188 460.4061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

189           460.4061 Restricted license.—

190           (1) An applicant for licensure as a chiropractic physician  
191 may apply to the department for a restricted license without  
192 undergoing a state or national written or clinical competency  
193 examination for licensure if the applicant initially applies not  
194 later than October 31, 1994, for the restricted license and:

195           (a) Holds a degree from a college of chiropractic  
196 accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency recognized by  
197 the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for  
198 Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on Chiropractic~~  
199 ~~Education or its predecessor agency~~ and holds a bachelor's  
200 degree.

201           Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (13) of section  
202 460.4165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

203           460.4165 Certified chiropractic physician's assistants.—

204           (13) CERTIFIED CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION  
205 RENEWAL.—The certification must be renewed biennially.

206           (b) Each certified chiropractic physician's assistant shall  
207 biennially complete 24 hours of continuing education courses  
208 approved by the board and sponsored by a programmatic  
209 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of  
210 Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
211 ~~chiropractic colleges accredited by the Council on Chiropractic~~  
212 ~~Education and approved by the board.~~ The board shall approve  
213 those courses that build upon the basic courses required for the





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214 practice of chiropractic medicine, and the board may also  
215 approve courses in adjunctive modalities. The board may make  
216 exception from the requirements of this section in emergency or  
217 hardship cases. The board may adopt rules within the  
218 requirements of this section which are necessary for its  
219 implementation.

220 Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
221 460.4167, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

222 460.4167 Proprietorship by persons other than licensed  
223 chiropractic physicians.—

224 (1) A person may not employ a chiropractic physician  
225 licensed under this chapter or engage a chiropractic physician  
226 licensed under this chapter as an independent contractor to  
227 provide services that chiropractic physicians are authorized to  
228 offer under this chapter, unless the person is any of the  
229 following:

230 (d) A clinical facility that is affiliated with a college  
231 of chiropractic accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency  
232 recognized by the United States Department of Education or the  
233 Council for Higher Education Accreditation ~~the Council on~~  
234 ~~Chiropractic Education~~ at which training is provided for  
235 chiropractic students.

236 Section 8. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section  
237 400.9905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

238 400.9905 Definitions.—

239 (4) "Clinic" means an entity where health care services are  
240 provided to individuals and which tenders charges for  
241 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a  
242 portable equipment provider. As used in this part, the term does



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243 not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not  
244 apply to:

245 (j) Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of  
246 chiropractic accredited by a programmatic accrediting agency  
247 recognized by