

**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and Health Policy; and  
Senator Harrell

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Department of Health; amending  
3       s. 381.4018, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health  
4       to develop strategies to maximize federal-state  
5       partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to  
6       practice in medically underserved or rural areas;  
7       authorizing the department to adopt certain rules;  
8       amending s. 456.013, F.S.; revising health care  
9       practitioner licensure application requirements;  
10      amending s. 458.3312, F.S.; removing a provision  
11      prohibiting a physician from representing himself or  
12      herself as a board-certified specialist in dermatology  
13      unless the recognizing agency is reviewed and  
14      reauthorized on a specified basis by the Board of  
15      Medicine; amending s. 459.0055, F.S.; revising  
16      licensure requirements for a person seeking licensure  
17      or certification as an osteopathic physician;  
18      repealing s. 460.4166, F.S., relating to registered  
19      chiropractic assistants; amending s. 464.019, F.S.;  
20      extending through 2025 the Florida Center for  
21      Nursing's responsibility to study and issue an annual  
22      report on the implementation of nursing education  
23      programs; amending s. 464.202, F.S.; requiring the  
24      Board of Nursing to adopt rules that include  
25      disciplinary procedures and standards of practice for  
26      certified nursing assistants; amending s. 464.203,  
27      F.S.; revising certification requirements for nursing  
28      assistants; amending s. 464.204, F.S.; revising  
29      grounds for board-imposed disciplinary sanctions;

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30 amending s. 466.006, F.S.; revising certain  
31 requirements for examinations to be completed by  
32 applicants seeking dental licensure; amending s.  
33 466.00673, F.S.; extending the repeal date of  
34 provisions relating to health access dental licenses;  
35 amending s. 466.007, F.S.; revising requirements for  
36 examinations of dental hygienists; amending s.  
37 466.017, F.S.; providing adverse incident reporting  
38 requirements; providing for disciplinary action by the  
39 Board of Dentistry; defining the term "adverse  
40 incident"; authorizing the board to adopt rules;  
41 amending s. 466.031, F.S.; making technical changes;  
42 authorizing an employee or an independent contractor  
43 of a dental laboratory acting as an agent of that  
44 dental laboratory to engage in onsite consultation  
45 with a licensed dentist during a dental procedure;  
46 amending s. 466.036, F.S.; revising inspection  
47 frequency of dental laboratories during a specified  
48 period; amending s. 468.701, F.S.; revising the  
49 definition of the term "athletic trainer" for the  
50 purpose of relocating an existing requirement;  
51 amending s. 468.707, F.S.; revising athletic trainer  
52 licensure requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.;  
53 requiring certain licensees to maintain certification  
54 in good standing without lapse to renew their athletic  
55 trainer license; amending s. 468.713, F.S.; requiring  
56 that an athletic trainer work within a specified scope  
57 of practice; relocating an existing requirement;  
58 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct

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59 supervision of an athletic training student to be in  
60 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic  
61 Training; amending s. 468.803, F.S.; revising  
62 orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic licensure,  
63 registration, and examination requirements; amending  
64 s. 480.033, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
65 "apprentice"; amending s. 480.041, F.S.; revising  
66 qualifications for licensure as a massage therapist;  
67 specifying that a massage apprentice who was licensed  
68 before a specified date may continue to perform  
69 massage therapy as authorized under his or her  
70 license; authorizing a massage apprentice to apply for  
71 full licensure upon completion of the apprenticeship  
72 under certain conditions; repealing s. 480.042, F.S.,  
73 relating to examinations for licensure as a massage  
74 therapist; amending s. 480.046, F.S.; revising  
75 instances under which disciplinary action may be taken  
76 against massage establishments; prohibiting certain  
77 massage establishments from applying for relicensure;  
78 providing an exception; amending s. 490.003, F.S.;  
79 revising the definition of the terms "doctoral-level  
80 psychological education" and "doctoral degree in  
81 psychology"; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; revising  
82 requirements for licensure by examination of  
83 psychologists and school psychologists; amending s.  
84 490.006, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by  
85 endorsement of psychologists and school psychologists;  
86 amending s. 491.0045, F.S.; providing an exemption for  
87 registration requirements for clinical social worker

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88 interns, marriage and family therapist interns, and  
89 mental health counselor interns under certain  
90 circumstances; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising  
91 requirements for the licensure by examination of  
92 marriage and family therapists; revising examination  
93 requirements for the licensure by examination of  
94 mental health counselors; amending s. 491.006, F.S.;  
95 revising requirements for licensure by endorsement or  
96 certification for specified professions; amending s.  
97 491.007, F.S.; removing a biennial intern registration  
98 fee; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing the Board  
99 of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy,  
100 and Mental Health Counseling or, under certain  
101 circumstances, the department to enter an order  
102 denying licensure or imposing penalties against an  
103 applicant for licensure under certain circumstances;  
104 amending ss. 491.0046 and 945.42, F.S.; conforming  
105 cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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109 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 381.4018, Florida  
110 Statutes, is amended to read:

111 381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.—

112 (3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The department shall maximize the  
113 use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the  
114 department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental  
115 and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to  
116 develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of

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117 such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the  
118 department shall:

119 (a) Monitor, evaluate, and report on the supply and  
120 distribution of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
121 459. The department shall maintain a database to serve as a  
122 statewide source of data concerning the physician workforce.

123 (b) Develop a model and quantify, on an ongoing basis, the  
124 adequacy of the state's current and future physician workforce  
125 as reliable data becomes available. Such model must take into  
126 account demographics, physician practice status, place of  
127 education and training, generational changes, population growth,  
128 economic indicators, and issues concerning the "pipeline" into  
129 medical education.

130 (c) Develop and recommend strategies to determine whether  
131 the number of qualified medical school applicants who might  
132 become competent, practicing physicians in this state will be  
133 sufficient to meet the capacity of the state's medical schools.  
134 If appropriate, the department shall, working with  
135 representatives of appropriate governmental and nongovernmental  
136 entities, develop strategies and recommendations and identify  
137 best practice programs that introduce health care as a  
138 profession and strengthen skills needed for medical school  
139 admission for elementary, middle, and high school students, and  
140 improve premedical education at the precollege and college level  
141 in order to increase this state's potential pool of medical  
142 students.

143 (d) Develop strategies to ensure that the number of  
144 graduates from the state's public and private allopathic and  
145 osteopathic medical schools is adequate to meet physician

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146 workforce needs, based on the analysis of the physician  
147 workforce data, so as to provide a high-quality medical  
148 education to students in a manner that recognizes the uniqueness  
149 of each new and existing medical school in this state.

150 (e) Pursue strategies and policies to create, expand, and  
151 maintain graduate medical education positions in the state based  
152 on the analysis of the physician workforce data. Such strategies  
153 and policies must take into account the effect of federal  
154 funding limitations on the expansion and creation of positions  
155 in graduate medical education. The department shall develop  
156 options to address such federal funding limitations. The  
157 department shall consider options to provide direct state  
158 funding for graduate medical education positions in a manner  
159 that addresses requirements and needs relative to accreditation  
160 of graduate medical education programs. The department shall  
161 consider funding residency positions as a means of addressing  
162 needed physician specialty areas, rural areas having a shortage  
163 of physicians, and areas of ongoing critical need, and as a  
164 means of addressing the state's physician workforce needs based  
165 on an ongoing analysis of physician workforce data.

166 (f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state  
167 programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract  
168 physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state.  
169 Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state  
170 partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice  
171 in federally designated shortage areas, in otherwise medically  
172 underserved areas, or in rural areas. Strategies shall also  
173 consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical  
174 Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to

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175 s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan  
176 forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to  
177 relocate to underserved areas of the state.

178 (g) Coordinate and enhance activities relative to physician  
179 workforce needs, undergraduate medical education, graduate  
180 medical education, and reentry of retired military and other  
181 physicians into the physician workforce provided by the Division  
182 of Medical Quality Assurance, area health education center  
183 networks established pursuant to s. 381.0402, and other offices  
184 and programs within the department as designated by the State  
185 Surgeon General.

186 (h) Work in conjunction with and act as a coordinating body  
187 for governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to address  
188 matters relating to the state's physician workforce assessment  
189 and development for the purpose of ensuring an adequate supply  
190 of well-trained physicians to meet the state's future needs.  
191 Such governmental stakeholders shall include, but need not be  
192 limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee,  
193 the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the  
194 Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her designee,  
195 and the Chancellor of the State University System or his or her  
196 designee, and, at the discretion of the department, other  
197 representatives of state and local agencies that are involved in  
198 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future  
199 physicians. Other stakeholders shall include, but need not be  
200 limited to, organizations representing the state's public and  
201 private allopathic and osteopathic medical schools;  
202 organizations representing hospitals and other institutions  
203 providing health care, particularly those that currently provide

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204 or have an interest in providing accredited medical education  
205 and graduate medical education to medical students and medical  
206 residents; organizations representing allopathic and osteopathic  
207 practicing physicians; and, at the discretion of the department,  
208 representatives of other organizations or entities involved in  
209 assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future  
210 physicians.

211 (i) Serve as a liaison with other states and federal  
212 agencies and programs in order to enhance resources available to  
213 the state's physician workforce and medical education continuum.

214 (j) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating  
215 information concerning the physician workforce and medical  
216 education continuum in this state.

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218 The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection,  
219 including rules to establish guidelines to implement the federal  
220 Conrad 30 Waiver Program created under s. 214(1) of the  
221 Immigration and Nationality Act.

222 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
223 456.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

224 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

225 (1) (a) Any person desiring to be licensed in a profession  
226 within the jurisdiction of the department shall apply to the  
227 department in writing ~~to take the licensure examination~~. The  
228 application shall be made on a form prepared and furnished by  
229 the department. The application form must be available on the  
230 Internet, World Wide Web and the department may accept  
231 electronically submitted applications. The application shall  
232 require the social security number and date of birth of the



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233 applicant, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The  
234 form shall be supplemented as needed to reflect any material  
235 change in any circumstance or condition stated in the  
236 application which takes place between the initial filing of the  
237 application and the final grant or denial of the license and  
238 which might affect the decision of the department. If an  
239 application is submitted electronically, the department may  
240 require supplemental materials, including an original signature  
241 of the applicant and verification of credentials, to be  
242 submitted in a nonelectronic format. An incomplete application  
243 shall expire 1 year after initial filing. In order to further  
244 the economic development goals of the state, and notwithstanding  
245 any law to the contrary, the department may enter into an  
246 agreement with the county tax collector for the purpose of  
247 appointing the county tax collector as the department's agent to  
248 accept applications for licenses and applications for renewals  
249 of licenses. The agreement must specify the time within which  
250 the tax collector must forward any applications and accompanying  
251 application fees to the department.

252 Section 3. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended  
253 to read:

254 458.3312 Specialties.—A physician licensed under this  
255 chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified  
256 specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition  
257 as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of  
258 Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency that has been  
259 approved by the board. However, a physician may indicate the  
260 services offered and may state that his or her practice is  
261 limited to one or more types of services when this accurately

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262 reflects the scope of practice of the physician. ~~A physician may~~  
263 ~~not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist~~  
264 ~~in dermatology unless the recognizing agency, whether authorized~~  
265 ~~in statute or by rule, is triennially reviewed and reauthorized~~  
266 ~~by the Board of Medicine.~~

267 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 459.0055, Florida  
268 Statutes, is amended to read:

269 459.0055 General licensure requirements.—

270 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, any person  
271 desiring to be licensed or certified as an osteopathic physician  
272 pursuant to this chapter shall:

273 (a) Complete an application form and submit the appropriate  
274 fee to the department;

275 (b) Be at least 21 years of age;

276 (c) Be of good moral character;

277 (d) Have completed at least 3 years of preprofessional  
278 postsecondary education;

279 (e) Have not previously committed any act that would  
280 constitute a violation of this chapter, unless the board  
281 determines that such act does not adversely affect the  
282 applicant's present ability and fitness to practice osteopathic  
283 medicine;

284 (f) Not be under investigation in any jurisdiction for an  
285 act that would constitute a violation of this chapter. If, upon  
286 completion of such investigation, it is determined that the  
287 applicant has committed an act that would constitute a violation  
288 of this chapter, the applicant is ineligible for licensure  
289 unless the board determines that such act does not adversely  
290 affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice

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291 osteopathic medicine;

292 (g) Have not had an application for a license to practice  
293 osteopathic medicine denied or a license to practice osteopathic  
294 medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by the  
295 licensing authority of any jurisdiction unless the board  
296 determines that the grounds on which such action was taken do  
297 not adversely affect the applicant's present ability and fitness  
298 to practice osteopathic medicine. A licensing authority's  
299 acceptance of a physician's relinquishment of license,  
300 stipulation, consent order, or other settlement, offered in  
301 response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative  
302 charges against the osteopathic physician, shall be considered  
303 action against the osteopathic physician's license;

304 (h) Not have received less than a satisfactory evaluation  
305 from an internship, residency, or fellowship training program,  
306 unless the board determines that such act does not adversely  
307 affect the applicant's present ability and fitness to practice  
308 osteopathic medicine. Such evaluation shall be provided by the  
309 director of medical education from the medical training  
310 facility;

311 (i) Have met the criteria set forth in s. 459.0075, s.  
312 459.0077, or s. 459.021, whichever is applicable;

313 (j) Submit to the department a set of fingerprints on a  
314 form and under procedures specified by the department, along  
315 with a payment in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the  
316 Department of Health for the criminal background check of the  
317 applicant;

318 (k) Demonstrate that he or she is a graduate of a medical  
319 college recognized and approved by the American Osteopathic

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320 Association;

321 (l) Demonstrate that she or he has successfully completed  
322 an internship or residency ~~a resident internship~~ of not less  
323 than 12 months in a program accredited ~~hospital approved~~ for  
324 this purpose by ~~the Board of Trustees of~~ the American  
325 Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for  
326 Graduate Medical Education ~~any other internship program approved~~  
327 ~~by the board upon a showing of good cause by the applicant.~~ This  
328 requirement may be waived for an applicant who matriculated in a  
329 college of osteopathic medicine during or before 1948; and

330 (m) Demonstrate that she or he has obtained a passing  
331 score, as established by rule of the board, on all parts of the  
332 examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic  
333 Medical Examiners or other examination approved by the board no  
334 more than 5 years before making application in this state or, if  
335 holding a valid active license in another state, that the  
336 initial licensure in the other state occurred no more than 5  
337 years after the applicant obtained a passing score on the  
338 examination conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic  
339 Medical Examiners or other substantially similar examination  
340 approved by the board.

341 Section 5. Section 460.4166, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

342 Section 6. Subsection (10) of section 464.019, Florida  
343 Statutes, is amended to read:

344 464.019 Approval of nursing education programs.—

345 (10) IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.—The Florida Center for Nursing  
346 shall study the administration of this section and submit  
347 reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
348 Speaker of the House of Representatives annually by January 30,

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349 through January 30, 2025 ~~2020~~. The annual reports shall address  
350 the previous academic year; provide data on the measures  
351 specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), as such data becomes  
352 available; and include an evaluation of such data for purposes  
353 of determining whether this section is increasing the  
354 availability of nursing education programs and the production of  
355 quality nurses. The department and each approved program or  
356 accredited program shall comply with requests for data from the  
357 Florida Center for Nursing.

358 (a) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate program-  
359 specific data for each approved program and accredited program  
360 conducted in the state, including, but not limited to:

361 1. The number of programs and student slots available.

362 2. The number of student applications submitted, the number  
363 of qualified applicants, and the number of students accepted.

364 3. The number of program graduates.

365 4. Program retention rates of students tracked from program  
366 entry to graduation.

367 5. Graduate passage rates on the National Council of State  
368 Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination.

369 6. The number of graduates who become employed as practical  
370 or professional nurses in the state.

371 (b) The Florida Center for Nursing shall evaluate the  
372 board's implementation of the:

373 1. Program application approval process, including, but not  
374 limited to, the number of program applications submitted under  
375 subsection (1); the number of program applications approved and  
376 denied by the board under subsection (2); the number of denials  
377 of program applications reviewed under chapter 120; and a

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378 description of the outcomes of those reviews.

379       2. Accountability processes, including, but not limited to,  
380 the number of programs on probationary status, the number of  
381 approved programs for which the program director is required to  
382 appear before the board under subsection (5), the number of  
383 approved programs terminated by the board, the number of  
384 terminations reviewed under chapter 120, and a description of  
385 the outcomes of those reviews.

386       (c) The Florida Center for Nursing shall complete an annual  
387 assessment of compliance by programs with the accreditation  
388 requirements of subsection (11), include in the assessment a  
389 determination of the accreditation process status for each  
390 program, and submit the assessment as part of the reports  
391 required by this subsection.

392       Section 7. Section 464.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
393 read:

394       464.202 Duties and powers of the board.—The board shall  
395 maintain, or contract with or approve another entity to  
396 maintain, a state registry of certified nursing assistants. The  
397 registry must consist of the name of each certified nursing  
398 assistant in this state; other identifying information defined  
399 by board rule; certification status; the effective date of  
400 certification; other information required by state or federal  
401 law; information regarding any crime or any abuse, neglect, or  
402 exploitation as provided under chapter 435; and any disciplinary  
403 action taken against the certified nursing assistant. The  
404 registry shall be accessible to the public, the  
405 certificateholder, employers, and other state agencies. The  
406 board shall adopt by rule testing procedures for use in

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407 certifying nursing assistants and shall adopt rules regulating  
408 the practice of certified nursing assistants, including  
409 disciplinary procedures and standards of practice, and  
410 specifying the scope of practice authorized and the level of  
411 supervision required for the practice of certified nursing  
412 assistants. The board may contract with or approve another  
413 entity or organization to provide the examination services,  
414 including the development and administration of examinations.  
415 The board shall require that the contract provider offer  
416 certified nursing assistant applications via the Internet, and  
417 may require the contract provider to accept certified nursing  
418 assistant applications for processing via the Internet. The  
419 board shall require the contract provider to provide the  
420 preliminary results of the certified nursing examination on the  
421 date the test is administered. The provider shall pay all  
422 reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the board in  
423 evaluating the provider's application and performance during the  
424 delivery of services, including examination services and  
425 procedures for maintaining the certified nursing assistant  
426 registry.

427 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
428 464.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

429 464.203 Certified nursing assistants; certification  
430 requirement.—

431 (1) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a  
432 certified nursing assistant to any person who demonstrates a  
433 minimum competency to read and write and successfully passes the  
434 required background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. If the  
435 person has successfully passed the required background screening

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436 pursuant to s. 400.215 or s. 408.809 within 90 days before  
437 applying for a certificate to practice and the person's  
438 background screening results are not retained in the  
439 clearinghouse created under s. 435.12, the board shall waive the  
440 requirement that the applicant successfully pass an additional  
441 background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. The person must  
442 also meet one of the following requirements:

443 (c) Is currently certified in another state or territory of  
444 the United States or in the District of Columbia; is listed on  
445 that jurisdiction's ~~state's~~ certified nursing assistant  
446 registry; and has not been found to have committed abuse,  
447 neglect, or exploitation in that jurisdiction ~~state~~.

448 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
449 464.204, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

450 464.204 Denial, suspension, or revocation of certification;  
451 disciplinary actions.—

452 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the  
453 board may impose disciplinary sanctions as specified in  
454 subsection (2):

455 (b) ~~Intentionally~~ Violating any provision of this chapter,  
456 chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the board.

457 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection  
458 (4) of section 466.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

459 466.006 Examination of dentists.—

460 (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or  
461 school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of  
462 a dental college or school not approved by the board, the  
463 applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in  
464 this section to practice dentistry until she or he satisfies one



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465 of the following:

466 (b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least  
467 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental general  
468 dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association  
469 Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program must provide  
470 didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or  
471 D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association  
472 Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this  
473 paragraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not  
474 include an advanced education program in a dental specialty.

475 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter  
476 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or  
477 national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this  
478 state, an applicant must successfully complete both of the  
479 following:

480 (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the  
481 state regulating the practice of dentistry.~~†~~

482 (b)~~1.~~ A practical or clinical examination, which must ~~shall~~  
483 be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the  
484 American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor  
485 entity, if any, that is administered in this state ~~and graded by~~  
486 ~~dentists licensed in this state and employed by the department~~  
487 ~~for just such purpose~~, provided that the board has attained, and  
488 continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of  
489 directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the  
490 examination development committee of the American Board of  
491 Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the American  
492 Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule  
493 to assure that the standards established herein are maintained

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494 organizationally. A passing score on the American Dental  
495 Licensing Examination administered in this state ~~and graded by~~  
496 ~~dentists who are licensed in this state~~ is valid for 365 days  
497 after the date the official examination results are published.

498 1.2.a. As an alternative to such practical or clinical  
499 examination ~~the requirements of subparagraph 1.~~, an applicant  
500 may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination  
501 previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state  
502 after October 1, 2011, and such examination results shall be  
503 recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state.  
504 A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination  
505 administered out-of-state shall be the same as the passing score  
506 for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in  
507 this state ~~and graded by dentists who are licensed in this~~  
508 ~~state~~. The examination results are valid for 365 days after the  
509 date the official examination results are published. The  
510 applicant must have completed the examination after October 1,  
511 2011.

512 ~~b.~~ This subparagraph may not be given retroactive  
513 application.

514 2.3. If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental  
515 Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously  
516 administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under  
517 subparagraph 1. ~~subparagraph 2.~~ is older than 365 days, ~~then~~  
518 such scores are ~~shall nevertheless be recognized as~~ valid for  
519 the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the  
520 applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional  
521 standards have been met:

522 a. ~~(I)~~ The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing

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523 Examination after October 1, 2011.

524 ~~(H)~~ This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive  
525 application;

526 b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited  
527 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
528 Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other  
529 dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States  
530 Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did  
531 not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit  
532 proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental  
533 general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental  
534 Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2  
535 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring  
536 institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical  
537 education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited  
538 by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
539 Accreditation. For purposes of this paragraph, a supplemental  
540 general dentistry program does not include an advanced education  
541 program in a dental specialty;

542 c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active  
543 dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has  
544 never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise  
545 disciplined, from another state or territory of the United  
546 States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto  
547 Rico;

548 d. The applicant submits proof that he or she has never  
549 been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the  
550 Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American  
551 Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-

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552 subparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully  
553 appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of  
554 these agencies;

555 e. (I) (A) ~~In the 5 years immediately preceding the date of~~  
556 ~~application for licensure in this state,~~ The applicant submits  
557 ~~must submit~~ proof of having been consecutively engaged in the  
558 full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of  
559 the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth  
560 of Puerto Rico in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of  
561 application for licensure in this state; ~~or~~

562 (B) If the applicant has been licensed in another state or  
563 territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the  
564 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant  
565 submits ~~must submit~~ proof of having been engaged in the full-  
566 time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial  
567 licensure.

568 (II) As used in this section, "full-time practice" is  
569 defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every  
570 year in the consecutive 5-year period or, where applicable, the  
571 period since initial licensure, and must include any combination  
572 of the following:

573 (A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct  
574 patient care.

575 (B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a  
576 dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or  
577 accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on  
578 Dental Accreditation.

579 (C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate  
580 dental education program approved by the board or accredited by

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581 the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
582 Accreditation.

583 (III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type  
584 of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the  
585 cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this  
586 section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:

587 (A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;

588 (B) Submitted in writing;

589 (C) Submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of  
590 perjury attached;

591 (D) Further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated  
592 to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant's practice  
593 and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been  
594 engaged in full-time practice; and

595 (E) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and  
596 admissible.

597 (IV) An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable  
598 proof of full-time practice unless it is further attested to by  
599 someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of  
600 the applicant's practice. If the board deems it necessary to  
601 assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the  
602 applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the  
603 board and give oral testimony under oath;

604 f. The applicant submits ~~must submit~~ documentation that he  
605 or she has completed, or will complete, prior to licensure in  
606 this state, continuing education equivalent to this state's  
607 requirements for the last full reporting biennium;

608 g. The applicant proves ~~must prove~~ that he or she has never  
609 been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of

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610 adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice  
611 of a health care profession in any jurisdiction;

612 h. The applicant has ~~must~~ successfully passed ~~pass~~ a  
613 written examination on the laws and rules of this state  
614 regulating the practice of dentistry and ~~must successfully pass~~  
615 the computer-based diagnostic skills examination; and

616 i. The applicant submits ~~must submit~~ documentation that he  
617 or she has successfully completed the applicable examination  
618 administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental  
619 Examinations or its successor organization ~~National Board of~~  
620 ~~Dental Examiners dental examination.~~

621 Section 11. Section 466.00673, Florida Statutes, is amended  
622 to read:

623 466.00673 Repeal of a health access dental license.—  
624 Effective January 1, 2025 ~~2020~~, ss. 466.0067-466.00673 are  
625 repealed unless reenacted by the Legislature. Any health access  
626 dental license issued before January 1, 2025 ~~2020~~, shall remain  
627 valid according to ss. 466.0067-466.00673, without effect from  
628 repeal.

629 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
630 (a) of subsection (6) of section 466.007, Florida Statutes, are  
631 amended to read:

632 466.007 Examination of dental hygienists.—

633 (4) Effective July 1, 2012, to be licensed as a dental  
634 hygienist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete  
635 the following:

636 (b) A practical or clinical examination approved by the  
637 board. The examination shall be the Dental Hygiene Examination  
638 produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)

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639 or its successor entity, if any, if the board finds that the  
640 successor entity's clinical examination meets or exceeds the  
641 provisions of this section. The board shall approve the ADEX  
642 Dental Hygiene Examination if the board has attained and  
643 continues to maintain representation on the ADEX House of  
644 Representatives, the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination Development  
645 Committee, and such other ADEX Dental Hygiene committees as the  
646 board deems appropriate through rulemaking to ensure that the  
647 standards established in this section are maintained  
648 organizationally. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the  
649 examination produced by its successor entity is a comprehensive  
650 examination in which an applicant must demonstrate skills within  
651 the dental hygiene scope of practice on a live patient and any  
652 other components that the board deems necessary for the  
653 applicant to successfully demonstrate competency for the purpose  
654 of licensure. ~~The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the~~  
655 ~~examination by the successor entity administered in this state~~  
656 ~~shall be graded by dentists and dental hygienists licensed in~~  
657 ~~this state who are employed by the department for this purpose.~~

658 (6) (a) A passing score on the ADEX Dental Hygiene  
659 Examination administered out of state must ~~shall~~ be considered  
660 the same as a passing score for the ADEX Dental Hygiene  
661 Examination administered in this state ~~and graded by licensed~~  
662 ~~dentists and dental hygienists.~~

663 Section 13. Subsections (9) through (15) are added to  
664 section 466.017, Florida Statutes, to read:

665 466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.-

666 (9) Any adverse incident that occurs in an office  
667 maintained by a dentist must be reported to the department. The

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668 required notification to the department must be submitted in  
669 writing by certified mail and postmarked within 48 hours after  
670 the incident occurs.

671 (10) A dentist practicing in this state must notify the  
672 board in writing by certified mail within 48 hours after any  
673 adverse incident that occurs in the dentist's outpatient  
674 facility. A complete written report must be filed with the board  
675 within 30 days after the incident occurs.

676 (11) Any certified registered dental hygienist  
677 administering local anesthesia must notify the board in writing  
678 by registered mail within 48 hours after any adverse incident  
679 that was related to or the result of the administration of local  
680 anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the  
681 board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse  
682 incident.

683 (12) A failure by the dentist or dental hygienist to timely  
684 and completely comply with all the reporting requirements in  
685 this section is the basis for disciplinary action by the board  
686 pursuant to s. 466.028(1).

687 (13) The department shall review each adverse incident and  
688 determine whether it involved conduct by a health care  
689 professional subject to disciplinary action, in which case s.  
690 456.073 applies. Disciplinary action, if any, shall be taken by  
691 the board under which the health care professional is licensed.

692 (14) As used in subsections (9)-(13), the term "adverse  
693 incident" means any mortality that occurs during or as the  
694 result of a dental procedure, or an incident that results in a  
695 temporary or permanent physical or mental injury that requires  
696 hospitalization or emergency room treatment of a dental patient



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697 which occurs during or as a direct result of the use of general  
698 anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, pediatric moderate  
699 sedation, oral sedation, minimal sedation (anxiolysis), nitrous  
700 oxide, or local anesthesia.

701 (15) The board may adopt rules to administer this section.

702 Section 14. Section 466.031, Florida Statutes, is amended  
703 to read:

704 466.031 "Dental laboratories laboratory" ~~defined.~~

705 (1) The term "dental laboratory" as used in this chapter:

706 ~~(1)~~ includes any person, firm, or corporation that ~~who~~  
707 performs for a fee of any kind, gratuitously, or otherwise,  
708 directly or through an agent or an employee, by any means or  
709 method, or ~~who in any way~~ supplies or manufactures artificial  
710 substitutes for the natural teeth; ~~or who~~ furnishes, supplies,  
711 constructs, or reproduces or repairs any prosthetic denture,  
712 bridge, or appliance to be worn in the human mouth; ~~or who~~ in  
713 any way represents ~~holds~~ itself ~~out~~ as a dental laboratory.

714 ~~(2)~~ The term does not include a ~~Excludes any~~ dental  
715 laboratory technician who constructs or repairs dental  
716 prosthetic appliances in the office of a licensed dentist  
717 exclusively for that ~~such~~ dentist ~~only~~ ~~and~~ under her or his  
718 supervision and work order.

719 (2) An employee or an independent contractor of a dental  
720 laboratory acting as an agent of that dental laboratory may  
721 engage in onsite consultation with a licensed dentist during a  
722 dental procedure.

723 Section 15. Section 466.036, Florida Statutes, is amended  
724 to read:

725 466.036 Information; periodic inspections; equipment and

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726 supplies.—The department may require from the applicant for a  
727 registration certificate to operate a dental laboratory any  
728 information necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter,  
729 including proof that the applicant has the equipment and  
730 supplies necessary to operate as determined by rule of the  
731 department, and shall require periodic inspection of all dental  
732 laboratories operating in this state at least once each biennial  
733 registration period. Such inspections must ~~shall~~ include, but  
734 need not be limited to, inspection of sanitary conditions,  
735 equipment, supplies, and facilities on the premises. The  
736 department shall specify dental equipment and supplies that are  
737 not allowed ~~permitted~~ in a registered dental laboratory.

738 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida  
739 Statutes, is amended to read:

740 468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

741 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this  
742 part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including  
743 the education requirements established ~~as set forth~~ by the  
744 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
745 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the  
746 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an~~  
747 ~~athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent~~  
748 ~~that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that~~  
749 ~~he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to~~  
750 ~~provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from~~  
751 ~~providing.~~

752 Section 17. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended  
753 to read:

754 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be

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755 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on  
756 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also  
757 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,  
758 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The  
759 department shall license each applicant who:

760 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the  
761 required fees.

762 (2) ~~For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016,~~ Has  
763 submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The  
764 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose  
765 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

766 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a baccalaureate ~~or~~  
767 ~~higher~~ degree from a college or university professional athletic  
768 training degree program accredited by the Commission on  
769 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor  
770 organization recognized and approved by the United States  
771 Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition of  
772 Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or  
773 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the  
774 national examination to be certified by the Board of  
775 Certification; or-

776 (b) ~~(4)~~ Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has  
777 completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,  
778 and ~~if graduated before 2004,~~ has a current certification from  
779 the Board of Certification.

780 (4) ~~(5)~~ Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary  
781 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator  
782 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined  
783 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

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784        (5)~~(6)~~ Has completed any other requirements as determined  
785 by the department and approved by the board.

786        Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida  
787 Statutes, is amended to read:

788        468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

789        (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the  
790 licensee must be currently certified by the Board of  
791 Certification or its successor agency and maintain that  
792 certification in good standing without lapse.

793        Section 19. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended  
794 to read:

795        468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.—

796        (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction  
797 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter  
798 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice  
799 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction  
800 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed  
801 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and  
802 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide  
803 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

804        (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her  
805 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.  
806 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,  
807 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or  
808 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or  
809 experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited  
810 by law from providing.

811        Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida  
812 Statutes, is amended to read:

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813 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or  
814 restrict:

815 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct  
816 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this  
817 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of  
818 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately  
819 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene  
820 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must  
821 comply with board rule in accordance with the standards set  
822 forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training  
823 Education or its successor.

824 Section 21. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section  
825 468.803, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

826 468.803 License, registration, and examination  
827 requirements.—

828 (1) The department shall issue a license to practice  
829 orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, or a registration for a  
830 resident to practice orthotics or prosthetics, to qualified  
831 applicants. Licenses to practice shall be granted independently  
832 in orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics shall be granted  
833 independently, but a person may be licensed in more than one  
834 such discipline, and a prosthetist-orthotist license may be  
835 granted to persons meeting the requirements for licensure both  
836 as a prosthetist and as an orthotist license. Registrations to  
837 practice shall be granted independently in orthotics or  
838 prosthetics shall be granted independently, and a person may be  
839 registered in both disciplines fields at the same time or  
840 jointly in orthotics and prosthetics as a dual registration.

841 (3) A person seeking to attain the ~~required~~ orthotics or

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842 prosthetics experience required for licensure in this state must  
843 be approved by the board and registered as a resident by the  
844 department. Although a registration may be held in both  
845 disciplines ~~practice fields~~, for independent registrations the  
846 board may ~~shall~~ not approve a second registration for ~~until~~ at  
847 least 1 year after the issuance of the first registration.  
848 Notwithstanding subsection (2), a person ~~an applicant~~ who has  
849 been approved by the board and registered by the department in  
850 one discipline ~~practice field~~ may apply for registration in the  
851 second discipline ~~practice field~~ without an additional state or  
852 national criminal history check during the period in which the  
853 first registration is valid. Each independent registration or  
854 dual registration is valid for 2 years after ~~from~~ the date of  
855 issuance unless otherwise revoked by the department upon  
856 recommendation of the board. The board shall set a registration  
857 fee not to exceed \$500 to be paid by the applicant. A  
858 registration may be renewed once by the department upon  
859 recommendation of the board for a period no longer than 1 year,  
860 as such renewal is defined by the board by rule. The  
861 ~~registration~~ renewal fee may ~~shall~~ not exceed one-half the  
862 current registration fee. To be considered by the board for  
863 approval of registration as a resident, the applicant must have  
864 one of the following:

865 (a) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
866 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited  
867 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
868 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. ~~or, at~~

869 (b) A minimum ~~of~~ of a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
870 accredited college or university and a certificate in orthotics

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871 or prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on  
872 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its  
873 equivalent, as determined by the board.~~;~~~~or~~

874 (c) A minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
875 accredited college or university and a dual certificate in both  
876 orthotics and prosthetics from programs recognized by the  
877 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,  
878 or its equivalent, as determined by the board.

879 ~~(b) A Bachelor of Science or higher level postgraduate~~  
880 ~~degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited~~  
881 ~~college or university recognized by the Commission on~~  
882 ~~Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a~~  
883 ~~minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited~~  
884 ~~college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a~~  
885 ~~program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied~~  
886 ~~Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by~~  
887 ~~the board.~~

888 (4) The department may develop and administer a state  
889 examination for an orthotist or a prosthetist license, or the  
890 board may approve the existing examination of a national  
891 standards organization. The examination must be predicated on a  
892 minimum of a baccalaureate-level education and formalized  
893 specialized training in the appropriate field. Each examination  
894 must demonstrate a minimum level of competence in basic  
895 scientific knowledge, written problem solving, and practical  
896 clinical patient management. The board shall require an  
897 examination fee not to exceed the actual cost to the board in  
898 developing, administering, and approving the examination, which  
899 fee must be paid by the applicant. To be considered by the board

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900 for examination, the applicant must have:

901 (a) For an examination in orthotics:

902 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
903 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited  
904 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
905 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a  
906 minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
907 college or university and a certificate in orthotics from a  
908 program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
909 Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by  
910 the board; and

911 2. An approved orthotics internship of 1 year of qualified  
912 experience, as determined by the board, or an orthotic residency  
913 or dual residency program recognized by the board.

914 (b) For an examination in prosthetics:

915 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate  
916 degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited  
917 college or university recognized by the Commission on  
918 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a  
919 minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
920 college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a  
921 program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
922 Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by  
923 the board; and

924 2. An approved prosthetics internship of 1 year of  
925 qualified experience, as determined by the board, or a  
926 prosthetic residency or dual residency program recognized by the  
927 board.

928 Section 22. Subsection (5) of section 480.033, Florida



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929 Statutes, is amended to read:

930 480.033 Definitions.—As used in this act:

931 (5) "Apprentice" means a person approved by the board to  
932 study colonic irrigation ~~massage~~ under the instruction of a  
933 licensed massage therapist practicing colonic irrigation.

934 Section 23. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 480.041,  
935 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is added to  
936 that section, to read:

937 480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure;  
938 endorsement.—

939 (1) Any person is qualified for licensure as a massage  
940 therapist under this act who:

941 (a) Is at least 18 years of age or has received a high  
942 school diploma or high school equivalency diploma;

943 (b) Has completed a course of study at a board-approved  
944 massage school ~~or has completed an apprenticeship program~~ that  
945 meets standards adopted by the board; and

946 (c) Has received a passing grade on a national ~~an~~  
947 examination designated ~~administered~~ by the board ~~department~~.

948 (2) Every person desiring to be examined for licensure as a  
949 massage therapist shall apply to the department in writing upon  
950 forms prepared and furnished by the department. Such applicants  
951 are ~~shall be~~ subject to the ~~provisions of~~ s. 480.046(1).

952 ~~Applicants may take an examination administered by the~~  
953 ~~department only upon meeting the requirements of this section as~~  
954 ~~determined by the board.~~

955 (8) A person issued a license as a massage apprentice  
956 before July 1, 2019, may continue that apprenticeship and  
957 perform massage therapy as permitted under that license until it

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958 expires. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, which must occur  
959 before July 1, 2022, a massage apprentice may apply to the board  
960 for full licensure and be granted a license if all other  
961 applicable licensure requirements are met.

962 Section 24. Section 480.042, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

963 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 480.046, Florida  
964 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
965 section, to read:

966 480.046 Grounds for disciplinary action by the board.—

967 (3) The board may ~~shall have the power to~~ revoke or suspend  
968 the license of a massage establishment licensed under this act,  
969 or ~~to~~ deny subsequent licensure of such an establishment, if the  
970 establishment is owned by an individual or entity that owned  
971 another establishment whose license was revoked, upon a showing  
972 of proof that, ~~in either of the following cases:~~

973 (a) The current ~~Upon proof that~~ a license has been obtained  
974 by fraud or misrepresentation.

975 (b) ~~Upon proof that~~ The holder of the a license is guilty  
976 of fraud or deceit or of gross negligence, incompetency, or  
977 misconduct in the operation of the currently licensed  
978 establishment ~~so licensed~~.

979 (c) The owner of the massage establishment or any  
980 individual or individuals providing massage therapy services  
981 within the establishment, in the aggregate or individually, have  
982 had three convictions of, or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere  
983 to, or dismissals of a criminal action after a successful  
984 completion of a pretrial intervention, diversion, or substance  
985 abuse program for any misdemeanor or felony, regardless of  
986 adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction related to

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987 prostitution and related acts as defined in s. 796.07, which  
988 occurred at or within the currently licensed establishment.

989 (5) An establishment that has been the subject of  
990 disciplinary action under this section may not apply for  
991 relicensure unless there is a change in ownership.

992 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 490.003, Florida  
993 Statutes, is amended to read:

994 490.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

995 ~~(3)(a) Prior to July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological~~  
996 ~~education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an~~  
997 ~~Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from:~~

998 ~~1. An educational institution which, at the time the~~  
999 ~~applicant was enrolled and graduated, had institutional~~  
1000 ~~accreditation from an agency recognized and approved by the~~  
1001 ~~United States Department of Education or was recognized as a~~  
1002 ~~member in good standing with the Association of Universities and~~  
1003 ~~Colleges of Canada; and~~

1004 ~~2. A psychology program within that educational institution~~  
1005 ~~which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had~~  
1006 ~~programmatic accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized~~  
1007 ~~and approved by the United States Department of Education or was~~  
1008 ~~comparable to such programs.~~

1009 ~~(b) Effective July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological~~  
1010 ~~education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an~~  
1011 ~~Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from:~~

1012 1. a psychology program within an educational institution  
1013 that ~~which~~, at the time the applicant was enrolled and  
1014 graduated, had institutional accreditation from an agency  
1015 recognized and approved by the United States Department of

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1016 Education or was recognized as a member in good standing with  
1017 the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. The  
1018 psychology program must have had; ~~and~~

1019 ~~2. A psychology program within that educational institution~~  
1020 ~~which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had~~  
1021 ~~programmatic accreditation from the American Psychological~~  
1022 ~~Association an agency recognized and approved by the United~~  
1023 ~~States Department of Education.~~

1024 Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
1025 (b) of subsection (2) of section 490.005, Florida Statutes, are  
1026 amended to read:

1027 490.005 Licensure by examination.—

1028 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a psychologist  
1029 shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination.  
1030 The department shall license each applicant who the board  
1031 certifies has:

1032 (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the board that the  
1033 applicant has:

1034 1. Received doctoral-level psychological education, ~~as~~  
1035 ~~defined in s. 490.003(3);~~ or

1036 2. Received the equivalent of a doctoral-level  
1037 psychological education, as defined in s. 490.003(3), from a  
1038 program at a school or university located outside the United  
1039 States of America ~~and Canada~~, which was officially recognized by  
1040 the government of the country in which it is located as an  
1041 institution or program to train students to practice  
1042 professional psychology. The applicant has the burden of  
1043 establishing that this requirement has the requirements of this  
1044 ~~provision have been met shall be upon the applicant;~~

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1045 ~~3. Received and submitted to the board, prior to July 1,~~  
1046 ~~1999, certification of an augmented doctoral-level psychological~~  
1047 ~~education from the program director of a doctoral-level~~  
1048 ~~psychology program accredited by a programmatic agency~~  
1049 ~~recognized and approved by the United States Department of~~  
1050 ~~Education; or~~

1051 ~~4. Received and submitted to the board, prior to August 31,~~  
1052 ~~2001, certification of a doctoral-level program that at the time~~  
1053 ~~the applicant was enrolled and graduated maintained a standard~~  
1054 ~~of education and training comparable to the standard of training~~  
1055 ~~of programs accredited by a programmatic agency recognized and~~  
1056 ~~approved by the United States Department of Education. Such~~  
1057 ~~certification of comparability shall be provided by the program~~  
1058 ~~director of a doctoral-level psychology program accredited by a~~  
1059 ~~programmatic agency recognized and approved by the United States~~  
1060 ~~Department of Education.~~

1061 (2) Any person desiring to be licensed as a school  
1062 psychologist shall apply to the department to take the licensure  
1063 examination. The department shall license each applicant who the  
1064 department certifies has:

1065 (b) Submitted satisfactory proof to the department that the  
1066 applicant:

1067 1. Has received a doctorate, specialist, or equivalent  
1068 degree from a program primarily psychological in nature and has  
1069 completed 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate  
1070 study, in areas related to school psychology as defined by rule  
1071 of the department, from a college or university which at the  
1072 time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was accredited by  
1073 an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the Council for

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1074 Higher Education Accreditation or its successor organization  
1075 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation~~ or from  
1076 an institution that ~~which~~ is ~~publicly recognized as~~ a member in  
1077 good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges  
1078 of Canada.

1079 2. Has had a minimum of 3 years of experience in school  
1080 psychology, 2 years of which must be supervised by an individual  
1081 who is a licensed school psychologist or who has otherwise  
1082 qualified as a school psychologist supervisor, by education and  
1083 experience, as set forth by rule of the department. A doctoral  
1084 internship may be applied toward the supervision requirement.

1085 3. Has passed an examination provided by the department.

1086 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 490.006, Florida  
1087 Statutes, is amended to read:

1088 490.006 Licensure by endorsement.—

1089 (1) The department shall license a person as a psychologist  
1090 or school psychologist who, upon applying to the department and  
1091 remitting the appropriate fee, demonstrates to the department  
1092 or, in the case of psychologists, to the board that the  
1093 applicant:

1094 ~~(a) Holds a valid license or certificate in another state~~  
1095 ~~to practice psychology or school psychology, as applicable,~~  
1096 ~~provided that, when the applicant secured such license or~~  
1097 ~~certificate, the requirements were substantially equivalent to~~  
1098 ~~or more stringent than those set forth in this chapter at that~~  
1099 ~~time; and, if no Florida law existed at that time, then the~~  
1100 ~~requirements in the other state must have been substantially~~  
1101 ~~equivalent to or more stringent than those set forth in this~~  
1102 ~~chapter at the present time;~~

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1103        ~~(a)~~ ~~(b)~~ Is a diplomate in good standing with the American  
1104 Board of Professional Psychology, Inc.; or

1105        ~~(b)~~ ~~(c)~~ Possesses a doctoral degree in psychology ~~as~~  
1106 ~~described in s. 490.003~~ and has at least 10 ~~20~~ years of  
1107 experience as a licensed psychologist in any jurisdiction or  
1108 territory of the United States within the 25 years preceding the  
1109 date of application.

1110        Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 491.0045, Florida  
1111 Statutes, as amended by chapter 2016-80 and chapter 2016-241,  
1112 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

1113        491.0045 Intern registration; requirements.—

1114        (6) A registration issued on or before March 31, 2017,  
1115 expires March 31, 2022, and may not be renewed or reissued. Any  
1116 registration issued after March 31, 2017, expires 60 months  
1117 after the date it is issued. The board may make a one-time  
1118 exception from the requirements of this subsection in emergency  
1119 or hardship cases, as defined by board rule, if ~~A subsequent~~  
1120 ~~intern registration may not be issued unless~~ the candidate has  
1121 passed the theory and practice examination described in s.  
1122 491.005(1)(d), (3)(d), and (4)(d).

1123        Section 30. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 491.005,  
1124 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1125        491.005 Licensure by examination.—

1126        (3) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY.—Upon verification of  
1127 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by  
1128 board rule, plus the actual cost of ~~to the department for the~~  
1129 purchase of the examination from the Association of Marital and  
1130 Family Therapy Regulatory Board, or similar national  
1131 organization, the department shall issue a license as a marriage

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1132 and family therapist to an applicant who the board certifies:

1133 (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate  
1134 fee.

1135 (b)1. Has a minimum of a master's degree with major  
1136 emphasis in marriage and family therapy, ~~or a closely related~~  
1137 field from a program accredited by the Commission on  
1138 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or from  
1139 a Florida university program accredited by the Council for  
1140 Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs,  
1141 and graduate courses approved by the Board of Clinical Social  
1142 Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling  
1143 has completed all of the following requirements:

1144 a. ~~Thirty-six semester hours or 48 quarter hours of~~  
1145 ~~graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester~~  
1146 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level course credits in~~  
1147 ~~each of the following nine areas: dynamics of marriage and~~  
1148 ~~family systems; marriage therapy and counseling theory and~~  
1149 ~~techniques; family therapy and counseling theory and techniques;~~  
1150 ~~individual human development theories throughout the life cycle;~~  
1151 ~~personality theory or general counseling theory and techniques;~~  
1152 ~~psychopathology; human sexuality theory and counseling~~  
1153 ~~techniques; psychosocial theory; and substance abuse theory and~~  
1154 ~~counseling techniques. Courses in research, evaluation,~~  
1155 ~~appraisal, assessment, or testing theories and procedures;~~  
1156 ~~thesis or dissertation work; or practicums, internships, or~~  
1157 ~~fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement.~~

1158 b. ~~A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester~~  
1159 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours in legal, ethical, and professional~~  
1160 ~~standards issues in the practice of marriage and family therapy~~



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1161 ~~or a course determined by the board to be equivalent.~~

1162 ~~e. A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester~~  
1163 ~~hours or 4 quarter hours in diagnosis, appraisal, assessment,~~  
1164 ~~and testing for individual or interpersonal disorder or~~  
1165 ~~dysfunction; and a minimum of one 3 semester hour or 4 quarter-~~  
1166 ~~hour graduate-level course in behavioral research which focuses~~  
1167 ~~on the interpretation and application of research data as it~~  
1168 ~~applies to clinical practice. Credit for thesis or dissertation~~  
1169 ~~work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied~~  
1170 ~~toward this requirement.~~

1171 ~~d. A minimum of one supervised clinical practicum,~~  
1172 ~~internship, or field experience in a marriage and family~~  
1173 ~~counseling setting, during which the student provided 180 direct~~  
1174 ~~client contact hours of marriage and family therapy services~~  
1175 ~~under the supervision of an individual who met the requirements~~  
1176 ~~for supervision under paragraph (c). This requirement may be met~~  
1177 ~~by a supervised practice experience which took place outside the~~  
1178 ~~academic arena, but which is certified as equivalent to a~~  
1179 ~~graduate-level practicum or internship program which required a~~  
1180 ~~minimum of 180 direct client contact hours of marriage and~~  
1181 ~~family therapy services currently offered within an academic~~  
1182 ~~program of a college or university accredited by an accrediting~~  
1183 ~~agency approved by the United States Department of Education, or~~  
1184 ~~an institution which is publicly recognized as a member in good~~  
1185 ~~standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of~~  
1186 ~~Canada or a training institution accredited by the Commission on~~  
1187 ~~Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education~~  
1188 ~~recognized by the United States Department of Education.~~  
1189 ~~Certification shall be required from an official of such~~

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1190 ~~college, university, or training institution.~~

1191       2. If the course title that ~~which~~ appears on the  
1192 applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of  
1193 the coursework, the applicant shall ~~be required to~~ provide  
1194 additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a  
1195 syllabus or catalog description published for the course.

1196  
1197 The required master's degree must have been received in an  
1198 institution of higher education which, at the time the applicant  
1199 graduated, ~~was~~ fully accredited by a regional accrediting body  
1200 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary  
1201 Accreditation or ~~publicly~~ recognized as a member in good  
1202 standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of  
1203 Canada, or ~~an institution of higher education located outside~~  
1204 ~~the United States and Canada,~~ which, at the time the applicant  
1205 was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained  
1206 a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards  
1207 of training of those institutions in the United States which are  
1208 accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the  
1209 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Such  
1210 foreign education and training must have been received in an  
1211 institution or program of higher education officially recognized  
1212 by the government of the country in which it is located as an  
1213 institution or program to train students to practice as  
1214 professional marriage and family therapists or psychotherapists.  
1215 The applicant has the burden of establishing that the  
1216 requirements of this provision have been met ~~shall be upon the~~  
1217 ~~applicant,~~ and the board shall require documentation, such as ~~,~~  
1218 ~~but not limited to,~~ an evaluation by a foreign equivalency

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1219 determination service, as evidence that the applicant's graduate  
1220 degree program and education were equivalent to an accredited  
1221 program in this country. An applicant with a master's degree  
1222 from a program that ~~which~~ did not emphasize marriage and family  
1223 therapy may complete the coursework requirement in a training  
1224 institution fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation  
1225 for Marriage and Family Therapy Education recognized by the  
1226 United States Department of Education.

1227 (c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience during  
1228 which 50 percent of the applicant's clients were receiving  
1229 marriage and family therapy services, which must be at the post-  
1230 master's level under the supervision of a licensed marriage and  
1231 family therapist with at least 5 years of experience, or the  
1232 equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the  
1233 board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to  
1234 satisfy the clinical experience requirements must register  
1235 pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If a  
1236 graduate has a master's degree with a major emphasis in marriage  
1237 and family therapy or a closely related field which ~~that~~ did not  
1238 include all of the coursework required by subparagraph (b)1.  
1239 ~~under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a.-e.,~~ credit for the post-master's  
1240 level clinical experience may ~~shall~~ not commence until the  
1241 applicant has completed a minimum of 10 of the courses required  
1242 by subparagraph (b)1. ~~under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a.-e.,~~ as  
1243 determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9  
1244 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in  
1245 the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or  
1246 techniques. Within the 2 ~~3~~ years of required experience, the  
1247 applicant shall provide direct individual, group, or family

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1248 therapy and counseling, ~~to include the following categories of~~  
1249 cases including those involving unmarried dyads, married  
1250 couples, separating and divorcing couples, and family groups  
1251 that include ~~including~~ children. A doctoral internship may be  
1252 applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed  
1253 mental health professional must be on the premises when clinical  
1254 services are provided by a registered intern in a private  
1255 practice setting.

1256 (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided  
1257 by the department ~~for this purpose~~.

1258 (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule  
1259 ~~of the board~~, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
1260 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy,  
1261 and mental health counseling.

1262 ~~(f)~~

1263  
1264 For the purposes of dual licensure, the department shall license  
1265 as a marriage and family therapist any person who meets the  
1266 requirements of s. 491.0057. Fees for dual licensure may ~~shall~~  
1267 not exceed those stated in this subsection.

1268 (4) MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING.—Upon verification of  
1269 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by  
1270 board rule, plus the actual per applicant cost of ~~to the~~  
1271 ~~department for~~ purchase of the examination from the National  
1272 Board for Certified Counselors or its successor Professional  
1273 ~~Examination Service for the National Academy of Certified~~  
1274 ~~Clinical Mental Health Counselors or a similar national~~  
1275 organization, the department shall issue a license as a mental  
1276 health counselor to an applicant who the board certifies:

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1277 (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate  
1278 fee.

1279 (b)1. Has a minimum of an earned master's degree from a  
1280 mental health counseling program accredited by the Council for  
1281 the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
1282 that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours  
1283 of clinical and didactic instruction, including a course in  
1284 human sexuality and a course in substance abuse. If the master's  
1285 degree is earned from a program related to the practice of  
1286 mental health counseling that is not accredited by the Council  
1287 for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational  
1288 Programs, then the coursework and practicum, internship, or  
1289 fieldwork must consist of at least 60 semester hours or 80  
1290 quarter hours and meet all of the following requirements:

1291 a. Thirty-three semester hours or 44 quarter hours of  
1292 graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester  
1293 hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in each of  
1294 the following 11 content areas: counseling theories and  
1295 practice; human growth and development; diagnosis and treatment  
1296 of psychopathology; human sexuality; group theories and  
1297 practice; individual evaluation and assessment; career and  
1298 lifestyle assessment; research and program evaluation; social  
1299 and cultural foundations; substance abuse; and legal, ethical,  
1300 and professional standards issues in the practice of mental  
1301 health counseling in community settings; and substance abuse.  
1302 Courses in research, thesis or dissertation work, practicums,  
1303 internships, or fieldwork may not be applied toward this  
1304 requirement.

1305 b. A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of

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1306 graduate-level coursework addressing diagnostic processes,  
1307 including differential diagnosis and the use of the current  
1308 diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the American  
1309 Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of  
1310 Mental Disorders. The graduate program must have emphasized the  
1311 common core curricular experience in legal, ethical, and  
1312 professional standards issues in the practice of mental health  
1313 counseling, which includes goals, objectives, and practices of  
1314 professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal  
1315 considerations, standards of preparation, certifications and  
1316 licensing, and the role identity and professional obligations of  
1317 mental health counselors. Courses in research, thesis or  
1318 dissertation work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not  
1319 be applied toward this requirement.

1320 c. The equivalent, as determined by the board, of at least  
1321 700 ~~1,000~~ hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical  
1322 practicum, internship, or field experience that includes at  
1323 least 280 hours of direct client services, as required in the  
1324 accrediting standards of the Council for Accreditation of  
1325 Counseling and Related Educational Programs for mental health  
1326 counseling programs. This experience may not be used to satisfy  
1327 the post-master's clinical experience requirement.

1328 2. Has provided additional documentation if a ~~the~~ course  
1329 title that ~~which~~ appears on the applicant's transcript does not  
1330 clearly identify the content of the coursework.~~7~~ The applicant  
1331 ~~shall be required to provide additional documentation~~ must  
1332 include, including, but is not limited to, a syllabus or catalog  
1333 description published for the course.

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1335 Education and training in mental health counseling must have  
1336 been received in an institution of higher education that, which  
1337 at the time the applicant graduated, ~~was~~ fully accredited by a  
1338 regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher  
1339 Education Accreditation or its successor organization or  
1340 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation,~~  
1341 publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the  
1342 Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, ~~or~~ an  
1343 institution of higher education located outside the United  
1344 States and Canada, ~~which,~~ at the time the applicant was enrolled  
1345 and at the time the applicant graduated, maintained a standard  
1346 of training substantially equivalent to the standards of  
1347 training of those institutions in the United States which are  
1348 accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the  
1349 Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor  
1350 organization ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary~~  
1351 ~~Accreditation~~. Such foreign education and training must have  
1352 been received in an institution or program of higher education  
1353 officially recognized by the government of the country in which  
1354 it is located as an institution or program to train students to  
1355 practice as mental health counselors. The applicant has the  
1356 burden of establishing that the requirements of this provision  
1357 have been met ~~shall be upon the applicant,~~ and the board shall  
1358 require documentation, such as, ~~but not limited to,~~ an  
1359 evaluation by a foreign equivalency determination service, as  
1360 evidence that the applicant's graduate degree program and  
1361 education were equivalent to an accredited program in this  
1362 country. Beginning July 1, 2024, an applicant must have a  
1363 master's degree from a program that is accredited by the Council

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1364 for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
1365 which consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours  
1366 to apply for licensure under this paragraph.

1367 (c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience in  
1368 mental health counseling, which must be at the post-master's  
1369 level under the supervision of a licensed mental health  
1370 counselor or the equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as  
1371 determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice  
1372 in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must  
1373 register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If  
1374 a graduate has a master's degree with a major related to the  
1375 practice of mental health counseling which ~~that~~ did not include  
1376 all the coursework required under sub-subparagraphs (b)1.a. and  
1377 b. ~~(b)1.a. b.~~, credit for the post-master's level clinical  
1378 experience may ~~shall~~ not commence until the applicant has  
1379 completed a minimum of seven of the courses required under sub-  
1380 subparagraphs (b)1.a. and b. ~~(b)1.a. b.~~, as determined by the  
1381 board, one of which must be a course in psychopathology or  
1382 abnormal psychology. A doctoral internship may be applied toward  
1383 the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health  
1384 professional must be on the premises when clinical services are  
1385 provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting.

1386 (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided  
1387 by the department for this purpose.

1388 (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule  
1389 ~~of the board~~, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
1390 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy,  
1391 and mental health counseling.

1392 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section



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1393 491.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1394 491.006 Licensure or certification by endorsement.—

1395 (1) The department shall license or grant a certificate to  
 1396 a person in a profession regulated by this chapter who, upon  
 1397 applying to the department and remitting the appropriate fee,  
 1398 demonstrates to the board that he or she:

1399 (b)1. Holds an active valid license to practice and has  
 1400 actively practiced the licensed profession ~~for which licensure~~  
 1401 ~~is applied~~ in another state for 3 of the last 5 years  
 1402 immediately preceding licensure;—

1403 ~~2. Meets the education requirements of this chapter for the~~  
 1404 ~~profession for which licensure is applied.~~

1405 ~~2.3.~~ Has passed a substantially equivalent licensing  
 1406 examination in another state or has passed the licensure  
 1407 examination in this state in the profession for which the  
 1408 applicant seeks licensure; and—

1409 ~~3.4.~~ Holds a license in good standing, is not under  
 1410 investigation for an act that would constitute a violation of  
 1411 this chapter, and has not been found to have committed any act  
 1412 that would constitute a violation of this chapter.

1413  
 1414 The fees paid by any applicant for certification as a master  
 1415 social worker under this section are nonrefundable.

1416 Section 32. Subsection (3) of section 491.007, Florida  
 1417 Statutes, is amended to read:

1418 491.007 Renewal of license, registration, or certificate.—

1419 ~~(3) The board or department shall prescribe by rule a~~  
 1420 ~~method for the biennial renewal of an intern registration at a~~  
 1421 ~~fee set by rule, not to exceed \$100.~~

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1422 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 491.009, Florida  
1423 Statutes, is amended to read:

1424 491.009 Discipline.—

1425 (2) The board ~~department~~, or, in the case of certified  
1426 master social workers ~~psychologists~~, the department board, may  
1427 enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the  
1428 penalties authorized in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for  
1429 licensure or licensee who is found guilty of violating any  
1430 provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found  
1431 guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1).

1432 Section 34. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1433 491.0046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1434 491.0046 Provisional license; requirements.—

1435 (2) The department shall issue a provisional clinical  
1436 social worker license, provisional marriage and family therapist  
1437 license, or provisional mental health counselor license to each  
1438 applicant who the board certifies has:

1439 (c) ~~Has~~ Met the following minimum coursework requirements:

1440 1. For clinical social work, a minimum of 15 semester hours  
1441 or 22 quarter hours of the coursework required by s.

1442 491.005(1)(b)2.b.

1443 2. For marriage and family therapy, 10 of the courses  
1444 required by s. 491.005(3)(b)1. ~~s. 491.005(3)(b)1.a.-c.~~, as  
1445 determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9  
1446 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in  
1447 the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or  
1448 techniques.

1449 3. For mental health counseling, a minimum of seven of the  
1450 courses required under s. 491.005(4)(b)1.a.-c.

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1451 Section 35. Subsection (11) of section 945.42, Florida  
1452 Statutes, is amended to read:

1453 945.42 Definitions; ss. 945.40-945.49.—As used in ss.  
1454 945.40-945.49, the following terms shall have the meanings  
1455 ascribed to them, unless the context shall clearly indicate  
1456 otherwise:

1457 (11) "Psychological professional" means a behavioral  
1458 practitioner who has an approved doctoral degree in psychology  
1459 as defined in s. 490.003(3) ~~s. 490.003(3)(b)~~ and is employed by  
1460 the department or who is licensed as a psychologist pursuant to  
1461 chapter 490.

1462 Section 36. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.