

By Senator Albritton

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to occupational licensing; creating  
3       ss. 455.216 and 456.0155, F.S.; defining the term  
4       "apprenticeship"; requiring the Department of Business  
5       and Professional Regulation and the Department of  
6       Health, respectively, to grant an application for  
7       licensure if the applicant has completed an  
8       apprenticeship and met other specified requirements;  
9       requiring the department to establish the grade  
10      necessary for an applicant who has completed an  
11      apprenticeship to receive a passing grade for an  
12      examination; prohibiting the department from requiring  
13      an applicant to take an examination under certain  
14      circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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18       Section 1. Section 455.216, Florida Statutes, is created to  
19       read:

20       455.216 Special license provisions for apprentices.-

21       (1) As used in this section, the term "apprenticeship"  
22       means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of  
23       Education under chapter 446 or by the United States Department  
24       of Labor.

25       (2) The department must approve an application for  
26       licensure if the applicant has:

27       (a) Completed the 8th grade;

28       (b) Completed an apprenticeship that relates to the  
29       licensed profession; and

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30 (c) Passed any examination required for licensure.

31 (3)(a) The department shall establish the grade necessary  
32 for an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship to achieve  
33 a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed  
34 the passing grade required for applicants who have not completed  
35 an apprenticeship.

36 (b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for  
37 licensure, the department may not require an applicant under  
38 this section to take an examination.

39 Section 2. Section 456.0155, Florida Statutes, is created  
40 to read:

41 456.0155 Special license provisions for apprentices.—

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43 means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of  
44 Education under chapter 446 or by the United States Department  
45 of Labor.

46 (2) The department must approve an application for  
47 licensure if the applicant has:

48 (a) Completed the 8th grade;

49 (b) Completed an apprenticeship that relates to the  
50 licensed profession; and

51 (c) Passed any examination required for licensure.

52 (3)(a) The department shall establish the grade necessary  
53 for an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship to achieve  
54 a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed  
55 the grade required for applicants who have not completed an  
56 apprenticeship.

57 (b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for  
58 licensure, the department may not require an applicant under

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59 this section to take an examination.

60 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.