

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to continuing chiropractic education;
3 amending s. 460.408, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
4 chiropractic continuing education be completed in a
5 classroom setting; authorizing the Board of
6 Chiropractic Medicine to rescind approval for
7 continuing education courses and impose disciplinary
8 action, if appropriate; prohibiting the board from
9 requiring licensees to enroll in only preapproved
10 courses to satisfy continuing education requirements;
11 requiring the board to approve distance learning
12 courses to satisfy continuing education requirements;
13 prohibiting the board from limiting the number of
14 hours and type of continuing education courses a
15 chiropractic physician may complete through distance
16 learning; authorizing the board to make exceptions to
17 continuing education requirements during a declared
18 state of emergency in this state; specifying who may
19 teach board-approved continuing education courses;
20 requiring, rather than authorizing, the board to adopt
21 rules; providing an effective date.

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

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25 Section 1. Section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended

26 | to read:

27 | 460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

28 | (1) The board shall require licensees to periodically
 29 | demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of
 30 | renewal of a license by completing up to 40 ~~contact classroom~~
 31 | hours of continuing education.

32 | (a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic
 33 | colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under any
 34 | provision of this chapter may be approved upon review by the
 35 | board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth
 36 | criteria for course approval are met.

37 | (b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon
 38 | the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic
 39 | medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive
 40 | modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use,
 41 | application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of
 42 | a specific company's brand of products or services are not
 43 | eligible for approval. The board may rescind course approval and
 44 | impose disciplinary action, if appropriate. However, the board
 45 | may not require licensees to enroll in only those courses that
 46 | have been preapproved by the board to satisfy continuing
 47 | education requirements under this section.

48 | (c) The board shall approve continuing education courses
 49 | offered in a distance learning format, including synchronous and
 50 | asynchronous forms of distance learning, as an alternative to

51 classroom courses which may be used to satisfy continuing
52 education requirements under this section.

53 (d) The board may not limit the number or type of approved
54 continuing education hours that may be completed through
55 distance learning.

56 (2) The board may provide exceptions to ~~make exception~~
57 ~~from~~ the requirements of this section in emergency or hardship
58 cases and during a declared state of emergency in this state.

59 (3) A course may be taught by any of the following:

60 (a) A person holding a doctoral degree in chiropractic
61 medicine, with a minimum of 3 years of chiropractic practice and
62 a minimum of 3 years' experience in the subject matter taught,
63 or a person holding a terminal degree, with a minimum of 3 years
64 of related practice and a minimum of 3 years' experience in the
65 subject matter taught.

66 (b) A current faculty member of a chiropractic college or
67 school approved by the board, or a current faculty member of a
68 medical or osteopathic college or university accredited by an
69 accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher
70 Education Accreditation or its successor or the United States
71 Department of Education.

72 (c) A postgraduate level instructor of a chiropractic
73 college or school approved by the board, or a postgraduate level
74 instructor of a medical or osteopathic college or university
75 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council

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76 | for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor or the
77 | United States Department of Education.

78 | (4) The board shall ~~may~~ adopt rules necessary to implement
79 | this section ~~within the requirements of this section that are~~
80 | ~~necessary for its implementation.~~

81 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.