

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; specifying who may teach board-approved
17 continuing education courses; requiring, rather than
18 authorizing, the board to adopt rules; providing an
19 effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

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

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

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

46 (c) The board shall approve continuing education courses
47 offered in a distance learning format, including synchronous and
48 asynchronous forms of distance learning, as an alternative to
49 classroom courses which may be used to satisfy continuing
50 education requirements under this section.

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

54 (2) The board may make exception from the requirements of
55 this section in emergency or hardship cases.

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

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

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

69 (c) A postgraduate level instructor of a chiropractic
70 college or school approved by the board, or a postgraduate level
71 instructor of a medical or osteopathic college or university
72 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council
73 for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor or the
74 United States Department of Education.

75 (4) The board shall ~~may~~ adopt rules necessary to implement

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76 | ~~this section within the requirements of this section that are~~
77 | ~~necessary for its implementation.~~

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