

By Senator Gruters

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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 all chiropractic continuing education be completed in
5 a classroom setting; prohibiting the Board of
6 Chiropractic Medicine from limiting the number of
7 hours of continuing education a chiropractic physician
8 may complete through distance learning; authorizing
9 the board to make exceptions to continuing education
10 requirements during a declared state of emergency in
11 this state; specifying who may teach board-approved
12 continuing education courses; requiring, rather than
13 authorizing, the board to adopt rules; providing an
14 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 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to
19 read:

20 460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.—

21 (1) The board shall require licensees to periodically
22 demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of
23 renewal of a license by completing up to 40 ~~contact-classroom~~
24 hours of continuing education.

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

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30 (b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon
31 the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic
32 medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive
33 modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use,
34 application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of
35 a specific company's brand of products or services are not
36 eligible for approval.

37 (c) The board may not limit the number of approved
38 continuing education hours that may be completed through
39 distance learning.

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

43 (3) Courses must be taught by a person who has at least one
44 of the following qualifications:

45 (a) Has a postgraduate degree, or a bachelor's degree with
46 at least 2 years of experience in the subject matter being
47 taught;

48 (b) Is a current faculty member of a chiropractic college
49 or school maintaining a standard and reputability approved by
50 the board or is a current faculty member at a medical or
51 osteopathic college or a university accredited by, or having
52 status with, an accrediting agency, or its successor, recognized
53 and approved by the United States Department of Education or by
54 the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor;
55 or

56 (c) Is a postgraduate-level instructor at a chiropractic
57 college or school maintaining a standard and reputability
58 approved by the board or is a postgraduate-level instructor at a

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59 medical or osteopathic college or a university accredited by, or
60 having status with, an accrediting agency, or its successor,
61 recognized and approved by the United States Department of
62 Education or by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation
63 or its successor.

64 (4) The board shall ~~may~~ adopt rules necessary to implement
65 ~~within the requirements of this section that are necessary for~~
66 ~~its implementation.~~

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.