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1	A bill to be entitled								
2	An act relating to sickle cell care management and								
3	treatment education; creating s. 456.0311, F.S.;								
4	requiring specified continuing education courses for								
5	licensure and certification renewal for specified								
6	health care professions; providing requirements for								
7	such courses; authorizing appropriate boards to adopt								
8	rules; providing an effective date.								
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10	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:								
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12	Section 1. Section 456.0311, Florida Statutes, is created								
13	to read:								
14	456.0311 Requirement for instruction on sickle cell								
15	disease								
16	(1)(a) The appropriate board shall require each person								
17	licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, or part I								
18	of chapter 464 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course,								
19	approved by the board, on sickle cell disease care management as								
20	part of every second biennial licensure or certification								
21	renewal. The course shall consist of education specific to								
22	sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait including, but not								
23	limited to, evidence-based treatment protocols for patients of								
24	all ages, continuing patient and family education, periodic								
25	comprehensive evaluations and other disease-specific health								
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26	maintenance services, psychosocial care, genetic counseling, and
27	pain management.
28	(b) Each licensee or certificateholder shall submit
29	confirmation of having completed such course on a form provided
30	by the appropriate board when submitting fees for each second
31	biennial renewal.
32	(c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses
33	that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).
34	Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete an
35	educational course pursuant to this section may include the hour
36	required for completion of the course in the total hours of
37	continuing education required by law for such profession unless
38	the continuing education requirements for such profession
39	consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.
40	(d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the
41	provisions of this section shall be permitted to show proof of
42	having taken one board-approved course to satisfy the
43	requirements of paragraph (a) for purposes of relicensure or
44	recertification for additional licenses.
45	(e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this
46	section shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action under
47	each respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k). In
48	addition to discipline by the appropriate board, the licensee
49	shall be required to complete the course required under this
50	section.

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(2) Each appropriate board may adopt rules to carry out

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52	this	section	<u>.</u>									
53		Section	2.	This	act	shall	take	effect	July	1,	2024.	

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