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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to sickle cell disease care management
3 and treatment education for certain health care
4 practitioners; creating s. 456.65, F.S.; requiring
5 health care practitioners of medicine or osteopathic
6 medicine to complete specified education on sickle
7 cell disease care management and treatment as a
8 condition of licensure renewal; requiring the
9 Department of Health to evaluate the results from
10 certain physician surveys and annually report to the
11 Governor and Legislature on patient outcomes as a
12 result of such health care practitioner education;
13 amending ss. 458.319 and 459.008, F.S.; requiring an
14 applicant for licensure renewal to provide evidence
15 that he or she has completed specified education;
16 amending s. 458.3191, F.S.; requiring that certain
17 physician surveys include specified information;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 456.65, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 456.65 Sickle cell disease care management and treatment
25 education; reports.—

26 (1) A renewal of a license under chapter 458 or chapter 459
27 must include education on sickle cell disease care management
28 and treatment protocols, including, but not limited to, ongoing
29 patient and family education, periodic comprehensive evaluations

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30 and other disease-specific health maintenance services,
31 psychosocial care, genetic counseling, and pain management.

32 (2) The department shall evaluate the results of the
33 physician survey specified under s. 458.3191(1)(b)4. and shall
34 annually report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
35 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on patient
36 outcomes as a result of the education required under subsection
37 (1).

38 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 458.319, Florida
39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 458.319 Renewal of license.—

41 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of
42 the renewal application, evidence that the applicant has
43 actively practiced medicine or has been on the active teaching
44 faculty of an accredited medical school for at least 2 years of
45 the immediately preceding 4 years, evidence that the applicant
46 has completed the education required under s. 456.65, and a fee
47 not to exceed \$500; provided, however, that if the licensee is
48 either a resident physician, assistant resident physician,
49 fellow, house physician, or intern in an approved postgraduate
50 training program, as defined by the board by rule, the fee may
51 ~~shall~~ not exceed \$100 per annum. If the licensee has not
52 actively practiced medicine for at least 2 years of the
53 immediately preceding 4 years, the board must ~~shall~~ require that
54 the licensee successfully complete a board-approved clinical
55 competency examination prior to renewal of the license.
56 "Actively practiced medicine" means that practice of medicine by
57 physicians, including those employed by any governmental entity
58 in community or public health, as defined by this chapter,

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59 including physicians practicing administrative medicine. An
60 applicant for a renewed license must also submit the information
61 required under s. 456.039 to the department on a form and under
62 procedures specified by the department, along with payment in an
63 amount equal to the costs incurred by the Department of Health
64 for the statewide criminal background check of the applicant.
65 The applicant must submit a set of fingerprints to the
66 Department of Health on a form and under procedures specified by
67 the department, along with payment in an amount equal to the
68 costs incurred by the department for a national criminal
69 background check of the applicant for the initial renewal of his
70 or her license after January 1, 2000. If the applicant fails to
71 submit either the information required under s. 456.039 or a set
72 of fingerprints to the department as required by this section,
73 the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of noncompliance, and
74 the applicant will be given 30 additional days to comply. If the
75 applicant fails to comply within 30 days after the notice of
76 noncompliance is issued, the department or board, as
77 appropriate, may issue a citation to the applicant and may fine
78 the applicant up to \$50 for each day that the applicant is not
79 in compliance with the requirements of s. 456.039. The citation
80 must clearly state that the applicant may choose, in lieu of
81 accepting the citation, to follow the procedure under s.
82 456.073. If the applicant disputes the matter in the citation,
83 the procedures set forth in s. 456.073 must be followed.
84 However, if the applicant does not dispute the matter in the
85 citation with the department within 30 days after the citation
86 is served, the citation becomes a final order and constitutes
87 discipline. Service of a citation may be made by personal

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88 service or certified mail, restricted delivery, to the subject
89 at the applicant's last known address. If an applicant has
90 submitted fingerprints to the department for a national criminal
91 history check upon initial licensure and is renewing his or her
92 license for the first time, ~~then~~ the applicant need only submit
93 the information and fee required for a statewide criminal
94 history check.

95 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
96 458.3191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97 458.3191 Physician survey.-

98 (1) Each person who applies for licensure renewal as a
99 physician under this chapter or chapter 459 must, in conjunction
100 with the renewal of such license under procedures adopted by the
101 Department of Health and in addition to any other information
102 that may be required from the applicant, furnish the following
103 to the Department of Health in a physician survey:

104 (b) Availability and trends relating to critically needed
105 services, including, but not limited to:

106 1. Obstetric care and services, including incidents of
107 deliveries.

108 2. Radiological services, particularly performance of
109 mammograms and breast-imaging services.

110 3. Physician services for hospital emergency departments
111 and trauma centers, including on-call hours.

112 4. Sickle cell disease education as required under s.
113 456.65.

114 5.4. Other critically needed specialty areas, as determined
115 by the department.

116 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 459.008, Florida

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117 Statutes, is amended to read:

118 459.008 Renewal of licenses and certificates.—

119 (1) The department shall renew a license or certificate
120 upon receipt of the renewal application and fee. An applicant
121 for a renewed license must also submit evidence that the
122 applicant has completed the education required under s. 456.65,
123 as well as the information required under s. 456.039, to the
124 department on a form and under procedures specified by the
125 department, along with payment in an amount equal to the costs
126 incurred by the Department of Health for the statewide criminal
127 background check of the applicant. The applicant must submit a
128 set of fingerprints to the Department of Health on a form and
129 under procedures specified by the department, along with payment
130 in an amount equal to the costs incurred by the department for a
131 national criminal background check of the applicant for the
132 initial renewal of his or her license after January 1, 2000. If
133 the applicant fails to submit either the information required
134 under s. 456.039 or a set of fingerprints to the department as
135 required by this section, the department must ~~shall~~ issue a
136 notice of noncompliance, and the applicant will be given 30
137 additional days to comply. If the applicant fails to comply
138 within 30 days after the notice of noncompliance is issued, the
139 department or board, as appropriate, may issue a citation to the
140 applicant and may fine the applicant up to \$50 for each day that
141 the applicant is not in compliance with the requirements of s.
142 456.039. The citation must clearly state that the applicant may
143 choose, in lieu of accepting the citation, to follow the
144 procedure under s. 456.073. If the applicant disputes the matter
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146 followed. However, if the applicant does not dispute the matter
147 in the citation with the department within 30 days after the
148 citation is served, the citation becomes a final order and
149 constitutes discipline. Service of a citation may be made by
150 personal service or certified mail, restricted delivery, to the
151 subject at the applicant's last known address. If an applicant
152 has submitted fingerprints to the department for a national
153 criminal history check upon initial licensure and is renewing
154 his or her license for the first time, ~~then~~ the applicant need
155 only submit the information and fee required for a statewide
156 criminal history check.

157 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.