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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Grall moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (639998) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 1004 - 1073

5 and insert:

6 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 486.031, Florida
7 Statutes, as amended by SB 1600 and SB 7016, 2024 Regular
8 Session, is amended to read:

9 486.031 Physical therapist; licensing requirements;
10 exemption.—

11 (1) To be eligible for licensing as a physical therapist,



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12 an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

13 (a) Be at least 18 years old.~~;~~

14 (b) Be of good moral character.~~;~~~~and~~

15 (c)1. Have graduated from a school of physical therapy
16 which has been approved for the educational preparation of
17 physical therapists by the appropriate accrediting agency
18 recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or
19 its successor or the United States Department of Education at
20 the time of her or his graduation and have passed, to the
21 satisfaction of the board, the American Registry Examination
22 before 1971 or a national examination approved by the board to
23 determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical
24 therapist under this chapter;

25 2. Have received a diploma from a program in physical
26 therapy in a foreign country and have educational credentials
27 deemed equivalent to those required for the educational
28 preparation of physical therapists in this country, as
29 recognized by the appropriate agency as identified by the board,
30 and have passed to the satisfaction of the board an examination
31 to determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical
32 therapist under this chapter; or

33 3. Be entitled to licensure by endorsement or without
34 examination as provided in s. 486.081.

35 (d) Have submitted to background screening in accordance
36 with s. 456.0135.

37 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 486.102, Florida
38 Statutes, as amended by SB 1600 and SB 7016, 2024 Regular
39 Session, is amended to read:

40 486.102 Physical therapist assistant; licensing



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41 requirements; exemption.—

42 (1) To be eligible for licensing by the board as a physical
43 therapist assistant, an applicant must meet all of the following
44 criteria:

45 (a) Be at least 18 years old.~~;~~

46 (b) Be of good moral character.~~;~~~~and~~

47 (c)1. Have graduated from a school providing a course of at
48 least 2 years for physical therapist assistants, which has been
49 approved for the educational preparation of physical therapist
50 assistants by the appropriate accrediting agency recognized by
51 the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor
52 or the United States Department of Education,~~;~~ at the time of her
53 or his graduation and have passed to the satisfaction of the
54 board an examination to determine her or his fitness for
55 practice as a physical therapist assistant under this chapter;

56 2. Have graduated from a school providing a course for
57 physical therapist assistants in a foreign country and have
58 educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for
59 the educational preparation of physical therapist assistants in
60 this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as
61 identified by the board, and passed to the satisfaction of the
62 board an examination to determine her or his fitness for
63 practice as a physical therapist assistant under this chapter;

64 3. Be entitled to licensure by endorsement as provided in
65 s. 486.107; or

66 4. Have been enrolled between July 1, 2014, and July 1,
67 2016, in a physical therapist assistant school in this state
68 which was accredited at the time of enrollment; and

69 a. Have graduated ~~or be eligible to graduate from such~~



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70 ~~school no later than July 1, 2018; and~~

71 b. Have passed to the satisfaction of the board an
72 examination to determine his or her fitness for practice as a
73 physical therapist assistant as provided in s. 486.104.

74 (d) Have submitted to background screening in accordance
75 with s. 456.0135.

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77 Delete lines 1547 - 1587.

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79 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

80 And the title is amended as follows:

81 Delete line 1685

82 and insert:

83 amending ss. 468.505 and