

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 a specified continuing education course for
 5 the first licensure and certification renewal for
 6 specified health care professions; providing
 7 requirements for such course; authorizing appropriate
 8 boards to adopt 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 one 2-hour continuing education
 19 course, approved by the board, on sickle cell disease care
 20 management as part of the first 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

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 the first
31 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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51 (2) Each appropriate board may adopt rules to carry out
52 this section.

53 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.