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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 the applicable licensing boards for  
5       specified health care professions to require a 2-hour  
6       continuing education course on sickle cell disease  
7       care management as part of every second biennial  
8       licensure or certification renewal; specifying  
9       requirements for the course; specifying the procedure  
10      for licensees and certificateholders to submit  
11      confirmation of completing the course; authorizing the  
12      applicable boards to approve additional equivalent  
13      courses to satisfy the requirement; authorizing the  
14      applicable boards to include the course hours in the  
15      total hours of continuing education required for the  
16      applicable profession, with an exception; authorizing  
17      health care practitioners holding two or more licenses  
18      or certificates subject to the course requirement to  
19      show proof of completion of one course to satisfy the  
20      requirement for all such licenses or certificates;  
21      providing for disciplinary action; authorizing the  
22      applicable boards to adopt rules; providing an  
23      effective date.

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

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27       Section 1. Section 456.0311, Florida Statutes, is created  
28 to read:

29       456.0311 Requirement for instruction on sickle cell

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30 disease.

31 (1)(a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
32 licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, or part I  
33 of chapter 464 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course,  
34 approved by the board, on sickle cell disease care management as  
35 part of every second biennial licensure or certification  
36 renewal. The course must consist of education specific to sickle  
37 cell disease and sickle cell trait, including, but not limited  
38 to, evidence-based treatment protocols for patients of all ages,  
39 continuing patient and family education, periodic comprehensive  
40 evaluations and other disease-specific health maintenance  
41 services, psychosocial care, genetic counseling, and pain  
42 management.

43 (b) Each licensee or certificateholder must submit  
44 confirmation of having completed such course on a form provided  
45 by the appropriate board when submitting fees for each second  
46 biennial renewal.

47 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses  
48 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).  
49 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete an  
50 educational course pursuant to this section may include the  
51 hours required for completion of the course in the total hours  
52 of continuing education required by law for such profession  
53 unless the continuing education requirements for such profession  
54 consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.

55 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the  
56 provisions of this section shall be permitted to show proof of  
57 having taken one board-approved course to satisfy the  
58 requirements of paragraph (a) for purposes of relicensure or

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59 recertification for additional licenses.

60 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section  
61 constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under each  
62 respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k). In addition  
63 to discipline by the appropriate board, the licensee shall be  
64 required to complete the course required under this section.

65 (2) Each appropriate board may adopt rules to carry out  
66 this section.

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