

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to sickle cell disease treatment of
3 pain continuing education; amending s. 456.0301, F.S.;
4 revising requirements for a continuing education
5 course on prescribing controlled substances; providing
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
11 **456.0301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

12 456.0301 Requirement for instruction on controlled
13 substance prescribing.—

14 (1)(a) The appropriate board shall require each person
15 registered with the United States Drug Enforcement
16 Administration and authorized to prescribe controlled substances
17 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s. 822 to complete a board-approved 2-hour
18 continuing education course on prescribing controlled substances
19 offered by a statewide professional association of physicians in
20 this state that is accredited to provide educational activities
21 designated for the American Medical Association Physician's
22 Recognition Award Category 1 Credit or the American Osteopathic
23 Category 1-A continuing medical education credit as part of
24 biennial license renewal. The course must include information on
25 the current standards for prescribing controlled substances,

26 particularly opiates; alternatives to these standards;
27 nonpharmacological therapies; prescribing emergency opioid
28 antagonists; ~~and~~ the risks of opioid addiction following all
29 stages of treatment in the management of acute pain; and the
30 treatment of pain for patients with sickle cell disease. The
31 course may be offered in a distance learning format and must be
32 included within the number of continuing education hours
33 required by law. The department may not renew the license of any
34 prescriber registered with the United States Drug Enforcement
35 Administration to prescribe controlled substances who has failed
36 to complete the course. The course must be completed by January
37 31, 2019, and at each subsequent renewal. This paragraph does
38 not apply to a licensee who is required by his or her applicable
39 practice act to complete a minimum of 2 hours of continuing
40 education on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled
41 substances.

42 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.