

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care practitioner maternal
3 mental health continuing education requirements;
4 creating s. 456.63, F.S.; providing curriculum
5 requirements relating to maternal mental health for
6 the required continuing education hours for licensure
7 renewal; requiring a board, or the Department of
8 Health if there is no board, to periodically update
9 specified curriculum and accept, as credit toward
10 continuing education requirements, the successful
11 completion of such curriculum; providing an effective
12 date.

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

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16 **Section 1. Section 456.63, Florida Statutes, is created to**
17 **read:**

18 456.63 Continuing education on maternal mental health.-

19 (1) Continuing education hours required for licensure
20 renewal for health care practitioners shall include all of the
21 following:

22 (a) The best practices in screening for maternal mental
23 health disorders.

24 (b) The range of maternal mental health disorders.

25 (c) The range of evidence-based treatment options,

26 including the importance of allowing a mother to be involved in
27 developing a treatment plan.

28 (d) When an obstetrician or a primary care physician
29 should consult with a psychiatrist versus making a referral.

30 (2) A board, or the department when there is no board,
31 shall:

32 (a) Periodically update any curriculum developed pursuant
33 to subsection (1) to account for new research.

34 (b) Accept, as credit toward the continuing education
35 requirements for renewal of a license, the successful completion
36 of the curriculum under subsection (1) by a health care
37 practitioner who practices in the specialty of:

38 1. Pediatrics;

39 2. Obstetrics and gynecology;

40 3. Psychiatry; or

41 4. Clinical psychology.

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