A bill to be entitled
An act relating to occupational licensing; creating
ss. 455.216 and 456.0155, F.S.; defining the term
“apprenticeship”; requiring the Department of Business
and Professional Regulation and the Department of
Health, respectively, to grant an application for
licensure if the applicant has completed an
apprenticeship and met other specified requirements;
requiring the department to establish the grade
necessary for an applicant who has completed an
apprenticeship to receive a passing grade for an
examination; prohibiting the department from requiring
an applicant to take an examination under certain
circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 455.216, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

455.216 Special license provisions for apprentices.—
(1) As used in this section, the term “apprenticeship”
means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of
Education under chapter 446 or by the United States Department
of Labor.

(2) The department must approve an application for
licensure if the applicant has:

(a) Completed the 8th grade;

(b) Completed an apprenticeship that relates to the
licensed profession; and
(c) Passed any examination required for licensure.

(3)(a) The department shall establish the grade necessary for an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship to achieve a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed the passing grade required for applicants who have not completed an apprenticeship.

(b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for licensure, the department may not require an applicant under this section to take an examination.

Section 2. Section 456.0155, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

456.0155 Special license provisions for apprentices.—

(1) As used in this section, the term “apprenticeship” means an apprenticeship program registered by the Department of Education under chapter 446 or by the United States Department of Labor.

(2) The department must approve an application for licensure if the applicant has:

(a) Completed the 8th grade;

(b) Completed an apprenticeship that relates to the licensed profession; and

(c) Passed any examination required for licensure.

(3)(a) The department shall establish the grade necessary for an applicant who has completed an apprenticeship to achieve a passing grade for an examination. Such grade may not exceed the grade required for applicants who have not completed an apprenticeship.

(b) If an examination is not generally a requirement for licensure, the department may not require an applicant under
Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.