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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
(Harrell) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (899862) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 185 - 192
5 and insert:

6 (4) PRIMARY CARE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.—

7 (a) The department, in conjunction with one or more third-
8 party credentialing entities, shall develop a primary care
9 certification examination for advanced practice registered
10 nurses seeking registration with the Board of Medicine as APRN-



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11 IPs. For purposes of this subsection, "third-party credentialing
12 entity" means a department-approved independent organization
13 that has met nationally recognized standards for developing and
14 administering professional certification examinations and
15 psychometric services.

16 (b) The department shall approve at least one third-party
17 credentialing entity for the purpose of developing and
18 administering a primary care competency-based certification
19 examination. A third-party credentialing entity shall request
20 approval in writing from the department on forms developed by
21 the department. Within 90 days after the deadline that is
22 established for receiving documentation from third-party
23 credentialing entities seeking approval, the department must
24 approve a third-party credentialing entity that demonstrates, to
25 the department's satisfaction, that it is capable of complying
26 with the requirements of this subsection. An approved third-
27 party credentialing entity must:

28 1. Maintain an advisory committee of at least six members,
29 including three representatives from the Board of Medicine and
30 three representatives from the Board of Osteopathic Medicine,
31 who shall each be appointed by the respective board chairs. The
32 third-party credentialing entity may appoint additional members
33 to the advisory committee with approval of the department.

34 2. Use the core competencies approved by the Board of
35 Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to establish
36 certification standards, testing instruments, and
37 recertification standards according to national psychometric
38 standards.

39 3. Establish a process to administer the certification



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40 application, testing, award, and maintenance processes according
41 to national psychometric standards.

42 4. Demonstrate the ability to administer biennial
43 continuing education and certification renewal requirements for
44 APRN-IPs.

45 5. Demonstrate the ability to administer an education
46 provider program to approve qualified training entities and to
47 provide precertification training to advanced practice
48 registered nurses and continuing education opportunities to
49 APRN-IPs.

50 (c) The Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic
51 Medicine shall approve the core competencies and related
52 preservice curricula that ensure that each advanced practice
53 registered nurse registered as an APRN-IP who will be providing
54 primary medical care, treatment, and services to persons in
55 primary care health professional shortage areas has obtained the
56 knowledge, skills, and abilities to competently carry out
57 primary medical care, treatment, and services. The department
58 may contract for the delivery of preservice or any additional
59 education or training for APRN-IPs to provide primary medical
60 care, treatment, and services to persons in primary care health
61 professional shortage areas if the curriculum satisfies the
62 boards' approved core competencies.

63 (d) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement
64 this subsection.

65 (5) REGISTRATION.—To be registered as an APRN-IP, an
66 advanced practice registered nurse must apply to the department
67 on forms developed by the department. The council shall review
68 the application and recommend to the department the registration



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69 of the advanced practice registered nurse with the Board of
70 Medicine as an APRN-IP if the applicant submits proof that he or
71 she holds an unrestricted license issued under s. 464.012 and
72 provides all of the following information:

73 (a) Documentation of a passing score on the primary care
74 certification examination described in subsection (4).

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76 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

77 And the title is amended as follows:

78 Between lines 1203 and 1204

79 insert:

80 requiring the department, in conjunction with third-
81 party credentialing entities, to develop a primary
82 care certification examination for advanced practice
83 registered nurses seeking registration as APRN-IPs;
84 defining the term "third-party credentialing entity";
85 requiring the department to approve one or more third-
86 party credentialing entities to develop and administer
87 the examination; requiring the department to act on
88 requests for approvals from third-party credentialing
89 entities within a specified timeframe; specifying
90 requirements for approved third-party credentialing
91 entities; requiring the Board of Medicine and the
92 Board of Osteopathic Medicine to approve certain core
93 competencies and related preservice curricula for a
94 specified purpose; authorizing the department to
95 contract for the delivery of specified education or
96 training under certain circumstances; authorizing the
97 department to adopt rules;