



HOUSE BILL 115 – KEEP OUR GRADUATES WORKING ACT

BILL SPONSOR(S)	Representative Duran, Commerce Committee, Health Quality Subcommittee and Business and Professions Subcommittee
EFFECTIVE DATE(S)	July 1, 2020
STATUTE(S)	Creates section (s.) 120.82, Florida Statutes (F.S.), amends ss. 456.0635, 456.072, 456.074, 1009.95 and repeals s. 456.0721, F.S.

SUMMARY

Creates the Keep Our Graduates Working Act of 2020 and establishes that state authorities cannot deny, refuse to renew, suspend or revoke professional licenses, certificates or registrations solely because a student loan borrower is in default or is delinquent on federal or state student loans.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Floridians who graduate from an accredited college or university can maintain their occupational licenses and remain in the workforce while paying off their student loan debt.
- Failing to repay a student loan issued by or guaranteed by the state or the federal government is not considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensee, as grounds for disciplinary action under s. 456.072, F.S.

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

JULY 1, 2020	The bill becomes effective
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