
DIGEST

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HB 562 Engrossed

2019 Regular Session

Emerson

Abstract: Provides relative to proprietary schools.

Present law provides for the licensure, regulation, and oversight of proprietary schools by the Bd. of Regents. Provides for definitions, application requirements, fees, renewals, appeals, cessation of operations, advertising requirements, and degree granting status. Establishes the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools under the jurisdiction of the Bd. of Regents and provides for commission membership and duties. Establishes the Proprietary School Student Protection Fund and provides for payments to the fund by schools in accordance with the payment schedule as specified in present law.

Proposed law substantially retains present law except as follows:

- (1) Makes numerous revisions to provide for technical corrections, removal of obsolete provisions, and reorganization and recodification of present law.
- (2) Authorizes the Bd. of Regents to develop rules and regulations instead of the commission.
- (3) Changes the definition of proprietary schools to specify that out-of-state enterprises that require clinical or practical experiences in La. are subject to proposed law.
- (4) Adds requirement that proprietary schools that cease operations take certain specified actions.
- (5) Deletes requirement that proprietary schools retain electronic copies of student records and that the Bd. of Regents does not have to store hard copies of records it receives when a school ceases operations if the board stores the records electronically.
- (6) Removes authority given to proprietary schools to grant associate degrees, thereby limiting the degree granting authority to occupational degrees.
- (7) Deletes present law that prohibits persons from preparing advertising materials for school owners or solicitors until the commission provides information that the owner or solicitor is licensed and instead provides that the owner or solicitor may not advertise or cause any information to be advertised until the owner or solicitor is licensed in accordance with proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 17:7(8) and 11 and R.S. 36:651(L) and 801.5(A); Adds R.S. 17:3140.1-3140.17; Repeals R.S. 17:3141.1-3141.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add out-of-state enterprises that require practical experiences in La. to the definition of proprietary schools.
2. Delete requirement that proprietary schools retain electronic copies of student records and that the Bd. of Regents does not have to store hard copies of records it receives when a school ceases operations if the board stores the records electronically.
3. Reinstate present law relative to the cessation of payments into the Proprietary School Student Protection Fund and the deposit and use of funds in the Proprietary School Student Records and Administration Account.