



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6584

LCO No. 4296



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-STATE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL
SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-22h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) No representative of a private occupational school not authorized
4 pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u
5 to 10a-22w, inclusive, shall visit the residence of any prospective
6 student, solicit enrollments, sell occupational instruction in any form or
7 manner, make representations or give counsel to prospective students
8 without first obtaining a permit from the executive director. Such permit
9 shall not be represented to constitute approval of the school itself. Any
10 contract entered into in violation of this section shall not be enforceable
11 by such school.

12 (b) Any person seeking to represent an out-of-state private
13 occupational school not authorized pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-
14 22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive, shall file an

15 application with the Office of Higher Education on forms prescribed by
16 the executive director. Upon issuance of a permit, such representative
17 shall pay a nonrefundable fee of five hundred dollars into the private
18 occupational student protection account. The permit shall be valid for a
19 period of one year from date of issuance.

20 (c) Any out-of-state private occupational school that seeks to operate
21 a distance learning program in the state shall submit an application to
22 the Office of Higher Education in the form and manner prescribed by
23 the office. Each such private occupational school shall agree to abide by
24 standards established by the office. The office shall approve or reject
25 such private occupational school's application in accordance with the
26 standards established by the office. Authorization by the office to
27 operate a distance learning program in the state shall be valid for a
28 period of one year and may be renewed by the office for additional one-
29 year periods. The office shall establish a schedule of application and
30 renewal fees for all out-of-state private occupational schools that are
31 approved by the office. As used in this subsection, "distance learning
32 program" means a program of study in which lectures are broadcast or
33 classes are conducted by correspondence or over the Internet, without
34 requiring a student to attend in person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	10a-22h

Statement of Purpose:

To require out-of-state private occupational schools to acquire authorization from the Office of Higher Education prior to offering any distance learning programs in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]