



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 81

LCO No. 1219



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.

**AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS
INELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION AND PUBLIC
FUNDS.**

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

1 That part I of chapter 185 of the general statutes be amended to (1)
2 require a private occupational school to disclose to the Office of Higher
3 Education any claims made against such school by a currently or
4 formerly enrolled student if such school requires any student, as a
5 condition of enrollment, to (A) limit participation in a class action
6 lawsuit, (B) limit any claim or damages for such claim, or (C) assert
7 any claim in a less convenient, more costly or more dilatory forum
8 than a judicial forum, and (2) (A) permit said office to deny an
9 application for authorization or reauthorization from such school if it
10 is determined to be in the best interest of the students, and (B) consider
11 such school ineligible to receive any public funds.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent private occupational schools that require students to waive certain rights, as a condition of enrollment, from receiving a certificate of authorization or public funds from the Office of Higher Education.