

House Bill 392

By: Representatives Casas of the 107th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Teasley of the 37th, Duncan of the 26th, Williamson of the 115th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to specify the
3 initial application and renewal fees for degree-granting and nondegree-granting nonpublic
4 postsecondary educational institutions based on student enrollment; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 20-3-250.11, relating to the collection of fees established by the Nonpublic
11 Postsecondary Education Commission, as follows:

12 "20-3-250.11.

13 (a) Fees shall be collected by the executive director in such amounts ~~as shall be established~~
14 ~~by the commission~~ as provided in this Code section.

15 (b) The initial application and renewal fee schedule for degree-granting and
16 nondegree-granting nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions shall be based on
17 student enrollment of the institution as follows:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
18 0 - 100 students	\$ 500.00
19 101 - 500 students	1,000.00
20 501 - 1,000 students	2,000.00
21 1,001 - 5,000 students	3,000.00
22 5,001 - 10,000 students	4,000.00
23 More than 10,000 students	5,000.00

25 The commission may establish requirements for the purpose of confirming enrollment
 26 numbers of the institution. If an institution does not submit enrollment information to the
 27 commission, enrollment shall be assessed at the highest level.

28 (c) The commission is authorized to establish the following fees and fee schedules:

29 ~~(1) Separate initial application and renewal fee schedules for degree-granting and~~
 30 ~~nondegree-granting nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions based upon the~~
 31 ~~commission's relative cost of performing its duties and responsibilities with regard to~~
 32 ~~those categories of institutions and, within those categories, based upon actual or~~
 33 ~~projected gross tuition of those institutions;~~

34 ~~(2)~~(1) Initial and renewal fees for agents' permits;

35 ~~(3)~~(2) Special fees for the evaluation of postsecondary educational institutions;

36 ~~(4)~~(3) Fees authorized pursuant to Code Section 20-3-250.27; and

37 ~~(5)~~(4) Special fees to offset other identified administrative costs.

38 (d) All fees collected pursuant to this part, except fees collected pursuant to Code Section
 39 20-3-250.27, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund, and
 40 no fees collected under this part shall be subject to refund, except as provided in Code
 41 Section 20-3-250.27. Except as otherwise indicated in this part, the fees to be collected by
 42 the commission under this part shall accompany an application for authorization to operate
 43 or an agent's permit.

44 ~~(b)~~(e) The commission will pay all costs for evaluation committees that may be necessary
 45 to implement this part."

46 **SECTION 2.**

47 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.