

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1181

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to private education; amending  
8 Section 2, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.  
9 2019, Section 21-101.1), which relates to entities  
10 that are exempt from licensing by the Oklahoma Board  
11 of Private Vocational Schools; adding certain  
12 exempted entities; providing an effective date; and  
13 declaring an emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 276, O.S.L.  
16 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 21-101.1), is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 Section 21-101.1. The term "private school" shall not include  
19 the following which are exempt from licensing by the Oklahoma Board  
20 of Private Vocational Schools:

21 1. Barber schools, beauty schools or other schools which are  
22 exclusively regulated or licensed pursuant to the provisions of any  
23 school-licensing law of this state, although such school may choose  
24 to apply to secure a license for state authorization from the Board;

1           2. Any form of flight instruction subject to regulations  
2 promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration;

3           3. Parochial, private or other nonpublic schools offering  
4 programs of general education accredited or approved by the State  
5 Board of Education, the State Board of Career and Technology  
6 Education or the State Regents for Higher Education;

7           4. Education or training, as approved by the Board, provided  
8 and paid for by:

9           a. an employer for its own employees,

10           b. a professional organization, as approved by the Board,  
11 for its members,

12           c. a parochial, denominational, eleemosynary school or  
13 institution, which is sectarian in nature and uniquely  
14 useful for and intrinsic to the propagation of a faith  
15 or the pursuit of the mission of the school or  
16 institution as approved by the Board, or

17           d. an entity supported by taxation of a local or state  
18 source;

19           5. Education or training, as approved by the Board, which  
20 offers instruction solely in the field of an avocation, hobby,  
21 recreation or entertainment, as approved by the Board;

22           6. Professional prelicensing programs or continuing education  
23 programs when an alternate state agency maintains complete authority  
24 or jurisdiction over the right to offer or certify such a program,

1 regardless if the other agency mandates the subject matter of the  
2 program;

3 7. Postgraduate certificates offered or provided by a school  
4 that has approval for that specific program issued by another state  
5 agency or an accrediting agency approved by the Board;

6 8. If a private school combines training or education that is  
7 both licensed and not licensed by another state agency, licensing by  
8 the Board will be required for the entity's combined programs.

9 However, the Board will defer to the other state agency on matters  
10 contained in the other agency's regulations and will refrain from  
11 establishing conflicting requirements. Matters to be governed by  
12 the other state agency may include but are not limited to

13 curriculum, testing or certification completion. The Board may  
14 require a private school to document its approval by any other state  
15 agency or an accrediting organization; ~~and~~

16 9. Seminars or workshops offered by an entity that:

17 a. is not primarily in the business of providing programs  
18 of instruction,

19 b. provides instruction to advance the personal  
20 development or general, transferable skills of a  
21 participant, and

22 c. offers aggregate clock or contact hours of no more  
23 than twenty-four (24) clock or defined contact hours  
24 per calendar quarter of the calendar year;

1       10. An entity that offers only a degree(s) and has and  
2 maintains proper approval by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
3 Education; and

4       11. An entity that is based outside of Oklahoma, maintains  
5 regional or national accreditation by an accrediting organization  
6 approved by the U.S. Department of Education, does not offer degrees  
7 and provides all of its training through mechanism(s) of distance  
8 education.

9       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

10       SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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