

House File 2783

H-8395

1 Amend House File 2783 as follows:

2 1. Page 19, after line 16 by inserting:

3 <Sec. _____. Section 256.183, subsection 1, unnumbered
4 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:
5 "*Accredited private institution*" means an institution of
6 higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately
7 and not controlled or administered by any state agency or
8 any subdivision of the state and which meets the criteria in
9 paragraphs "a" and "b" and all of the criteria in paragraphs "d"
10 through ~~"k"~~ "l", except that institutions defined in paragraph
11 "c" of [this subsection](#) are exempt from the requirements of
12 paragraphs "a" and "b":

13 Sec. _____. Section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2026, is
14 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. Does not offer an academic program that
16 results in the conferring of an associate degree.>

17 2. Page 23, after line 6 by inserting:

18 <Sec. _____. LEGISLATIVE FINDING AND INTENT. The general
19 assembly finds and declares all of the following:

20 1. Accredited private institutions, as defined in section
21 256.183, have expressed a desire to avoid competition in the
22 area of higher education.

23 2. Under Iowa law, accredited private institutions may
24 offer academic programs that result in the conferring of an
25 associate degree.

26 3. Under Iowa law, community colleges established under
27 chapter 260C are not authorized to offer academic programs that
28 result in the conferring of a bachelor's degree.

29 4. The general assembly appropriates millions of dollars
30 each year to the Iowa tuition grants program, which provides
31 tuition grants to students who attend accredited private
32 institutions.

33 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
34 provisions of this division of this Act amending the definition
35 of accredited private institution in section 256.183 be

1 interpreted to effect the desire of the accredited private
2 institutions to avoid competition in the area of higher
3 education by ensuring that accredited private institutions do
4 not use taxpayer dollars appropriated under the Iowa tuition
5 grants program to compete with community colleges by offering
6 academic programs that result in the conferring of an associate
7 degree.>

8 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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