

SENATE FILE 2226

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing that a school of postsecondary instruction shall
 2 not grant a degree to a student without the successful
 3 completion by the student of a program of study and
 4 establishing a penalty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261B.13 PROHIBITION OF
2 FRAUDULENT DEGREES.

3 A school shall not grant a degree to a student without the
4 successful completion by the student of the requirements of an
5 academic, educational, or professional program of study. This
6 section does not apply to an honorary degree granted by a
7 school to a person as a result of an unusual or outstanding
8 achievement, contribution, or distinction of the person or a
9 degree awarded posthumously.

10 Section 261B.12 applies to this section.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill provides that a school shall not grant a degree
13 to a student without the successful completion by the student
14 of the requirements of an academic, educational, or
15 professional program of study. The bill does not apply to an
16 honorary degree granted by a school to a person as a result of
17 an unusual or outstanding achievement, contribution, or
18 distinction of the person or a degree awarded posthumously.

19 A school for the purposes of the bill includes a school
20 that provides a postsecondary instructional program or course
21 leading to a degree, or uses in its name the term "college",
22 "academy", "institute", or "university" or a similar term to
23 imply that the school is primarily engaged in the education of
24 students at the postsecondary level, and which makes a charge
25 for its services.

26 The bill authorizes the secretary of state or the secretary
27 of state's designee to obtain a cease and desist order against
28 a school violating the prohibition against granting fraudulent
29 degrees. If the school does not cease and desist, the
30 secretary of state may seek judicial enforcement of the cease
31 and desist order in any district court of the state of Iowa.

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