

Senate Study Bill 2140

Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 261B.3, unnumbered paragraphs 1 and 2,
1 2 Code 1995, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 A school that has a presence in Iowa, and offers,
1 4 maintains, or conducts one or more courses of instruction,
1 5 including courses of instruction by correspondence, in this
1 6 state or in other states or foreign countries, shall register
1 7 annually with the secretary. Registration shall be made on
1 8 application forms approved and supplied by the secretary and
1 9 at the time and in the manner prescribed by the secretary.
1 10 Upon receipt of a complete and accurate registration
1 11 application, the secretary shall issue a

~~certificate~~

~~letter of~~

1 12 registration and send it to the school. A school must be
1 13 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United
1 14 States department of education, or its successor agency, and
1 15 must be approved for operation by the appropriate state
1 16 agencies in all other states in which it operates or maintains
1 17 a presence prior to the issuance of a letter of registration.

1 18 The secretary may request additional information as
1 19 necessary to enable the secretary to determine the accuracy
1 20 and completeness of the information contained in the
1 21 registration application. If the secretary believes that
1 22 false, misleading, or incomplete information has been
1 23 submitted in connection with an application for registration,
1 24 the secretary may deny registration. The secretary shall
1 25 conduct a hearing on the denial if a hearing is requested by a
1 26 school. The secretary may withhold a

~~certificate~~

~~letter of~~

1 27 registration pending the outcome of the hearing. Upon a
1 28 finding after the hearing that information contained in the
1 29 registration application is false, misleading, or incomplete,
1 30 the secretary shall deny a

~~certificate~~

~~letter of registration~~

1 31 to the school. The decision of the secretary is subject to
1 32 judicial review in accordance with section 17A.19.

1 33 Sec. 2. Section 261B.3, Code 1995, is amended by adding
1 34 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

1 35 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The secretary shall utilize the
2 1 state advisory committee for postsecondary school registration
2 2 in reviewing new and continuing registrations.

2 3 Sec. 3. Section 261B.4, subsections 2, 9, and 11, Code
2 4 1995, are amended to read as follows:

2 5 2. The

~~principal location of the school and the location~~

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~~of the place or places~~

~~locations in this state where~~

2 7 instruction is likely to be given and the principal locations
2 8 of the school in other states and foreign countries.
2 9 9.

~~Whether the school is accredited by any accrediting~~

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~~agency recognized by the United States department of education~~

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~~or a successor agency and, if so, the~~

~~The name of the~~

2 12

~~accreditation~~

~~body that has accredited the school and the~~

2 13 status under which accreditation is held.

2 14 11. The names or titles and a description of the courses
2 15 and degrees to be offered in this state.

2 16 Sec. 4. Section [261B.4](#), Code 1995, is amended by adding
2 17 the following new subsection:

2 18 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. The academic and instructional
2 19 methodologies and delivery systems to be used by the school
2 20 and the extent to which the school anticipates each
2 21 methodology and delivery system will be used, including but
2 22 not limited to classroom instruction, correspondence,
2 23 electronic telecommunications, independent study, and
2 24 portfolio experience evaluation.

2 25 Sec. 5. Section [261B.8](#), Code 1995, is amended to read as
2 26 follows:

2 27 261B.8 REGISTRATION FEES.

2 28 The secretary shall collect an initial registration fee of
2 29

~~fifty~~

~~one thousand~~ dollars and an annual renewal of
2 30 registration fee of

~~twenty five~~

~~five hundred~~ dollars from each
2 31 registered school.

2 32 Sec. 6. Section [261B.9](#), subsection 6, Code 1995, is
2 33 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
2 34 thereof the following:

2 35 6. The name of the body that has accredited the school and
3 1 the status under which the accreditation is held.

3 2 Sec. 7. Section 261B.10, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
3 3 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 4 The committee shall meet at least annually to advise the
3 5 secretary and other agencies in matters relating to the
3 6 administration of this chapter and to serve as a resource and
3 7 advisory review board to the secretary as needed.

3 8 EXPLANATION

3 9 This bill augments the requirements for registration by a
3 10 postsecondary school in Iowa and increases the registration
3 11 fees.

3 12 Any school that has a presence in Iowa and maintains or
3 13 conducts courses, including correspondence courses, in Iowa,
3 14 other states, or foreign countries, must register with the
3 15 secretary of state. Currently, only those schools that are
3 16 actually offering, maintaining, and conducting courses,
3 17 including correspondence courses, in Iowa are required to
3 18 register with the secretary.

3 19 Schools meeting the requirements of the registration are
3 20 given certificates of registration, currently. Under the

3 21 bill, they are issued letters of registration.

3 22 The secretary is directed to utilize the state advisory
3 23 committee for postsecondary school registration in reviewing
3 24 new and continuing registrations, and the committee is
3 25 directed to serve as an advisory review board for the
3 26 secretary.

3 27 The following information is added to the registration
3 28 information the school is required to submit when requesting
3 29 registration: (1) All locations where instruction is likely
3 30 to be given in this state, along with the principal locations
3 31 of the school in other states and foreign countries, (2) the
3 32 name of the body that has accredited the school and the status
3 33 under which accreditation is held, and (3) the names and
3 34 titles and a description of the degrees to be offered in Iowa.
3 35 The bill also requires disclosure of this information before a

4 1 student takes a course or pays tuition at a school.

4 2 The academic and instructional methodologies and delivery
4 3 systems to be used by the school and the extent to which the
4 4 school anticipates each methodology and delivery system will
4 5 be used, including but not limited to classroom instruction,
4 6 correspondence, electronic telecommunications, independent
4 7 study, and portfolio experience evaluation.

4 8 Registration and renewal fees are increased from the
4 9 current \$50 and \$25 to \$1,000 and \$500, respectively.

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