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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that meetings relating to postsecondary school
2 registration held by the Iowa coordinating council for post-
3 high school education be open to the public.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 261.2, subsection 7, unnumbered
2 paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 The commission may require a school seeking registration
4 under chapter 261B to provide copies of its application to the
5 Iowa coordinating council for post-high school education. The
6 commission may consider comments from the council that are
7 received by the commission within ninety days of the filing of
8 the application. However, if the council meets to consider
9 comments for submission to the commission, the meeting shall
10 be open to the public and subject to the provisions of chapter
11 21. The commission shall render a decision on an application
12 for registration within one hundred eighty days of the filing
13 of the application.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill requires the Iowa coordinating council for post-
16 high school education to make its meetings open to the public
17 whenever the council meets to consider comments for submission
18 to the college student aid commission regarding registration
19 of postsecondary schools.

20 Currently, in order to conduct business in this state,
21 postsecondary schools must register with the secretary of
22 state's office. In order to register, the school shall be
23 accredited and, unless the program is a practitioner
24 preparation program, be approved for operation by the college
25 student aid commission. The commission may provide copies of
26 the school's application to the council, and may consider the
27 council's comments when considering approval of the school.

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