



Memorandum: Postsecondary Registration and Consumer Protection Technical Amendments

Proposed Amendments to Iowa Code Sections 261B and 714

Background and Summary of Amendments to Iowa Code Sections 261B and 714:

The College Student Aid Commission is recommending technical amendments to Iowa Code Sections 261B and 714 to make conforming changes to amendments made by House File 644 (2021 legislative session) and to remove exception language that was intended for Iowa-originating schools that no longer meet the criteria of the exceptions.

Solution:

Make the following changes to Iowa Code Sections 261B and 714.

Explanation (preliminary language):

§	Amendment	Summary
261B.4	4. The refund policy of the school for the return of refundable portions of tuition, fees, or other charges. The tuition refund policy for Iowa resident students of a for-profit schools with at least one program of more than four months in length that leads offer a course of instruction leading to a recognized educational credential, such as an academic or professional degree, diploma, or license, must comply with section 714.23.	House File 644 struck the references to “more than four months in length” in Iowa Code Section 714; this is a conforming change to 261B.4 to ensure provisions in both code sections align.
261B.11(1)(f)	(f). Colleges and universities authorized by the laws of this state to grant degrees A community college established under chapter 260C or an institution of higher learning under the control of the state board of regents.	House File 644 clarified the language of this exemption in Iowa Code 714.19(1); this is a conforming change to 261B.11 to ensure provisions in both code sections align.
261B.11(1)(n)	(n). A postsecondary educational institution established in Bettendorf in 1969 to prepare students for the federal communications commission radio broadcasting examination.	Hamilton Technical College was intended to be exempted from registration as an Iowa-originating school owned by the Hamilton family founders. However, the Hamilton family sold the school to an out-of-state educational corporation Orion Education in late 2018; thus it should not be eligible for an exemption

<p>261B.11(1)(o)</p> <p>261B.11(2)(b)</p>	<p>(o). A school of religious study located in Iowa that was established in Spain in 1982, is affiliated with the department of global missions of open bible churches, grants bachelor's degrees, and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as determined by the United States department of education.</p> <p>(b). A For-profit schools with at least one program of more than four months in length that leads offer a course of instruction leading to a recognized educational credential, such as an academic or professional degree, diploma, or license, must submit to the commission a tuition refund policy that meets the conditions of section 714.23.</p>	<p>from oversight as a long-standing, proven, Iowa-originating institution.</p> <p>INSTE Bible College intentionally allowed its US Department of Education recognized accreditation to lapse and thus no longer qualifies for its exemption.</p> <p>House File 644 struck the references to "more than four months in length" in Iowa Code Section 714; this is a conforming change to 261B.11 to ensure provisions in both code sections align.</p>
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Goal:

Ensure that provisions of Iowa Code Sections 261B and 714 align and that exceptions only remain where relevant.

Fiscal and Jobs Impact:

None.