

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1875

By: Hickman and Balkman of the
House

and

Wilcoxson of the Senate

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 4103 and 4104, which relate to private colleges and universities; making an exception to accreditation requirement for certain private educational institutions; requiring nonaccredited private educational institutions to provide certain information to students and potential students; clarifying which private educational institutions are subject to limitation on degrees; requiring nonaccredited private educational institutions to provide certain information to students and potential students; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4103. A A. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, a private educational institution shall be accredited under rules promulgated and adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education unless such institution is accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency which is recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered by institutions of higher education for the purposes of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

B. A private educational institution shall not be required to be accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or

a national or regional accrediting agency, provided the institution shall clearly communicate to students and potential students that degrees granted by the institution are not accredited degrees and that credit earned at the institution may not be fully accepted for credit at another institution.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4104, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4104. A. A private educational institution that is accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall grant only those degrees authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education unless approved otherwise by a national or regional accrediting agency which is recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training offered by institutions of higher education for the purposes of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

B. A private educational institution that is not accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or a national or regional accrediting agency shall clearly communicate to students and potential students that degrees granted are not accredited degrees and that credit earned at the institution may not be fully accepted for credit at another institution.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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