

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1460
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Impact:	Net positive impact of \$500

Research Analysis

The measure adds several definitions relating to private vocational schools, including *act, approval by the State Regents for Higher Education, branch, business, combines, contact hour, correspondence course, distance education, general education, industrial, occupation, postgraduate certificate, postsecondary education, primarily in the business of, profession or professional, program, program of study or program of instruction, public, seminar or workshop, solicitor, technical, trade, and tuition*. The measure also modifies the definition of *private school* and removes the terms *in state branch* and *out of state branch*. Additionally, it provides several exemptions from licensing as a *private school*. It amends the appointment terms for serving on the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools by permitting the Governor to reappointment members. The measure specifies the powers and duties of the board including the establishment of minimum standards and the ability to impose a penalty of no more than \$1,000 for noncompliance.

Private vocational schools must obtain a license from the board in order to offer an education or training program in the state. When applying for a license or renewal, private schools must designate a main school location, and their designations must mirror those used for federal funding or accreditation. The measure stipulates certain disclosures that must be made by those seeking a private school license or private school solicitor's license. The need for licensure will be determined by the education or training program that is being offered or proposed and other school attributes as specified by the Legislature or the board. Before closure, any school, seminar, or workshop which ceases to offer all programs of instruction must provide the board with its plan for the permanent retention of student records.

Licenses will expire annually on June 30 and applications for renewal, along with all appropriate fees, must be submitted by June 1. The measure modifies initial and renewal license fees and provides for the assessment of late fees. Finally, the measure repeals the section of law pertaining to minimum standards.

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Fiscal Analysis

Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools personnel confirm that there would be fiscal impacts on four categories of fees, with revenue increasing for some and decreasing for others. The net impact would be an increase of \$500.

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Other Considerations

None at this time.

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