

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 1157, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator BICE

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☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1157

By: Bice

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[higher education accreditation - private
institutions - policies]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4103, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 4103. A A. As used in this section:

1. "Degree-granting institution" means an institution that
offers education leading to an associate's degree or higher;

2. "Non-degree-granting activity" means offering education or
training that does not lead to an associate's degree or higher; and

3. "State authorization reciprocity agreement" means an
agreement among states, districts and territories that establishes
comparable standards for providing distance education from their
postsecondary educational institutions to out-of-state students.

B. All private ~~educational institution~~ and out-of-state public
degree-granting institutions shall be accredited ~~under rules~~

1 ~~promulgated and adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher~~
2 ~~Education unless such institution is accredited~~ by a national or
3 regional accrediting agency which is recognized by the Secretary of
4 the United States Department of Education as a reliable authority as
5 to the quality of education or training offered by institutions of
6 higher education for the purposes of the Higher Education Act of
7 1965, as amended. Additionally, for the purposes of consumer
8 protection and to maintain financial eligibility for Title IV
9 funding as described in 34 CFR Part 600, institutions shall be
10 authorized according to the policies and procedures established by
11 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. These policies and
12 procedures shall be limited to a complaint process provision,
13 standards for operation, stipulations for a written enrollment
14 agreement between the institution and the student and reporting
15 requirements. The following institutions shall be exempt from this
16 section:

17 1. Private institutions participating in the Oklahoma Tuition
18 Equalization Grant program; and

19 2. Out-of-state public and private institutions participating
20 in a state authorization reciprocity agreement that only conduct
21 activities in Oklahoma that are acceptable under the terms and
22 conditions of the state authorization reciprocity agreement.

23 C. Non-exempt institutions engaged in non-degree granting
24 activities, such as offering certificates and diplomas, shall be

1 subject to the standards administered by the Oklahoma Board of
2 Private Vocational Schools.

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