

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

HOUSE BILL 3998

By: Dobrinski

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 21-101.1, which relates to exemptions from licensing by the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools; adding an exemption; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 21-101.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 21-101.1 The term "private school" shall not include the following which are exempt from licensing by the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools:

1. Barber schools, beauty schools or other schools which are exclusively regulated or licensed pursuant to the provisions of any school-licensing law of this state, although such school may choose to apply to secure a license for state authorization from the Board;

2. Any form of flight instruction subject to regulations promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration;

1 3. Parochial, private or other nonpublic schools offering
2 programs of general education accredited or approved by the State
3 Board of Education, the State Board of Career and Technology
4 Education or the State Regents for Higher Education;

5 4. Education or training, as approved by the Board, provided
6 and paid for by:

7 a. an employer for its own employees,

8 b. a professional organization, as approved by the Board,
9 for its members,

10 c. a parochial, denominational, eleemosynary school or
11 institution, which is sectarian in nature and uniquely
12 useful for and intrinsic to the propagation of a faith
13 or the pursuit of the mission of the school or
14 institution as approved by the Board, or

15 d. an entity supported by taxation of a local or state
16 source;

17 5. Education or training, as approved by the Board, which
18 offers instruction solely in the field of an avocation, hobby,
19 recreation or entertainment, ~~as approved by the Board;~~

20 6. Professional prelicensing programs or continuing education
21 programs when an alternate state agency maintains complete authority
22 or jurisdiction over the right to offer or certify such a program,
23 regardless if the other agency mandates the subject matter of the
24 program;

1 7. Postgraduate certificates offered or provided by a school
2 that has approval for that specific program issued by another state
3 agency or an accrediting agency approved by the Board;

4 8. If a private school combines training or education that is
5 both licensed and not licensed by another state agency, licensing by
6 the Board will be required for the entity's combined programs.
7 However, the Board will defer to the other state agency on matters
8 contained in the other agency's regulations and will refrain from
9 establishing conflicting requirements. Matters to be governed by
10 the other state agency may include but are not limited to
11 curriculum, testing or certification completion. The Board may
12 require a private school to document its approval by any other state
13 agency or an accrediting organization; ~~and~~

14 9. Seminars or workshops offered by an entity that:

- 15 a. is not primarily in the business of providing programs
16 of instruction,
- 17 b. provides instruction to advance the personal
18 development or general, transferable skills of a
19 participant, and
- 20 c. offers aggregate clock or contact hours of no more
21 than twenty-four (24) clock or defined contact hours
22 per calendar quarter of the calendar year; and

1 10. Education or training via distance learning, as approved by
2 the Board, which offers instruction solely in the field of
3 gunsmithing.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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