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Bill Analysis

SB 1397 modifies definitions relating to the Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools. The measure clarifies that entities that offer degrees and have proper approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and entities based outside of Oklahoma that maintain regional or national accreditation and do not offer degrees are exempt from Board licensure. Additionally, the measure authorizes the Board to approve or disapprove corrective action plans with implementation schedules and allows the Board to increase the required amount of surety bond or certificate of deposit; to require a school to submit and implement corrective action plans; to require a licensed school or applicant to report correspondence to the U.S. Department of Education, a federal or state agency, or an accrediting organization; and to require a school to suspend new enrollments when a corrective action plan is not adhered to. The measure states that when an approved corrective action plan fails, the Board has the authority, following a public hearing, to require the school to suspend new enrollments and implement a teach-out plan or teach-out agreement, increase the surety bond or certificate of deposit or take other action.

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