



AN ACT CONCERNING ATTENDANCE ISSUES AT PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-22b of the general statutes, is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) No person, board, association, partnership, corporation or other
5 entity shall offer occupational instruction unless such person, board,
6 association, partnership, corporation or other entity first receives from
7 the Commissioner of Higher Education a certificate authorizing the
8 occupational instruction to be offered. Except for initial authorizations,
9 the Commissioner of Higher Education shall accept institutional
10 accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States
11 Department of Education, in satisfaction of the requirements of this
12 section and section 10a-22d, including the evaluation [and attendance]
13 requirement, unless the commissioner finds reasonable cause not to
14 rely upon such accreditation.

15 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2004, each
16 private occupational school authorized in accordance with the
17 provisions of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22k, inclusive, of the general
18 statutes shall report to the joint standing committee of the General
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education

20 and employment advancement concerning existing methods for
21 recruiting prospective students, standards for admission and any
22 prerequisites for enrolling in coursework or programs offered by the
23 private occupational school.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Commencing with the 2004-
25 2005 academic year, each private occupational school authorized in
26 accordance with the provisions of sections 10a-22 to 10a-22k, inclusive,
27 of the general statutes shall provide to each student admitted to the
28 school a clear and conspicuous disclosure of the student's specific
29 financial obligations to the school and the procedure for formally
30 withdrawing from a course offered by the school in order to minimize
31 the student's financial liability. Such disclosure shall be in all capital
32 letters of no less than twelve-point boldface type of uniform font and
33 in an easily readable style.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 2, a reference to section 11-4a of the general statutes was removed for accuracy.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*