



General Assembly

February Session, 2010

***Raised Bill No. 136***

LCO No. 126

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND REVISED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS  
OF NONPROFIT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2010*):

4 (c) [No] Except as provided in this subsection, no person, school,  
5 board, association or corporation shall confer any degree unless  
6 authorized by act of the General Assembly. No application for  
7 authority to confer any such degree shall be approved by the General  
8 Assembly or any committee thereof, nor shall any such authority be  
9 included in any charter of incorporation until such application has  
10 been evaluated and approved by the Board of Governors of Higher  
11 Education in accordance with regulations established by said board.  
12 New and revised academic programs proposed by a nonprofit  
13 independent institution of higher education, authorized pursuant to  
14 this section, shall not be subject to approval by the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-34(c)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To eliminate the requirement that nonprofit independent institutions of higher education obtain approval from the Board of Governors of Higher Education to implement new and revised academic programs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*