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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS
FUNCTION AS POSTSECONDARY CAREER SCHOOLS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 As used in sections 10a-22a to 10a-22y, inclusive:

4 (1) "Private occupational school" means a postsecondary career
5 school operated by a person, board, association, partnership,
6 corporation, limited liability company or other entity offering
7 instruction in any form or manner in any trade, industrial, commercial,
8 service, professional or other occupation for any remuneration,
9 consideration, reward or promise of whatever nature, except "private
10 occupational school" shall not include (A) instruction offered under
11 public supervision and control; (B) instruction conducted by a firm or
12 organization solely for the training of its own employees or members;
13 or (C) instruction offered by a school authorized by the General

14 Assembly to confer degrees;

15 (2) "Additional classroom site" means a facility that (A) is
16 geographically located close to the school or branch that oversees the
17 site, such that students must utilize services provided at such school or
18 branch, (B) conducts permanent or temporary educational activities,
19 and (C) offers courses or full programs of study;

20 (3) "Branch" means a subdivision of a school (A) located at a
21 different facility and geographical site from the school, except for a site
22 that is an additional classroom site as determined by the executive
23 director, or the executive director's designee, and (B) that (i) offers one
24 or more complete programs leading to a diploma or certificate; (ii)
25 operates under the school's certificate of operation; (iii) meets the same
26 conditions of authorization as the school; and (iv) exercises
27 administrative control and is responsible for its own academic affairs;
28 [and]

29 (4) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Office of
30 Higher Education; and

31 (5) "Postsecondary career school" includes a hospital-based
32 occupational school, hairdressing school and barber school.

33 Sec. 2. Subsections (h) and (i) of section 10a-22b of the general
34 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
35 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

36 (h) Any hospital offering postsecondary career instruction in any
37 form or manner in any trade, industrial, commercial, service,
38 professional or other occupation for any remuneration, consideration,
39 reward or promise, except to hospital employees, members of the
40 medical staff and training for contracted workers, shall obtain a
41 certificate of authorization from the executive director for the
42 occupational instruction offered. Each hospital-based occupational
43 school submitting an application for initial authorization shall pay an

44 application fee of two hundred dollars made payable to the private
45 occupational school student protection account. The executive director
46 shall develop a process for prioritizing the authorization of hospital-
47 based occupational schools based on size and scope of occupational
48 instruction offered. Such schools shall be in compliance with this
49 section when required pursuant to the executive director's process, or
50 by 2012, whichever is earlier.

51 (i) Any program, school or other entity offering postsecondary
52 career instruction in any form or manner in barbering or hairdressing
53 for any remuneration, consideration, reward or promise shall obtain a
54 certificate of authorization from the executive director of the Office of
55 Higher Education for the occupational instruction offered. Each
56 program, school or entity approved on or before July 1, 2013, by the
57 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and
58 Cosmeticians pursuant to chapter 368 or 387 that submits an
59 application for initial authorization shall pay an application fee of five
60 hundred dollars made payable to the private occupational school
61 student protection account. The executive director of the Office of
62 Higher Education shall develop a process for prioritizing the
63 authorization of such barber and hairdressing programs, schools and
64 entities. Such programs, schools and entities shall be in compliance
65 with this section on or before July 1, 2015, or when required pursuant
66 to the executive director's process, whichever is earlier. No person,
67 board, association, partnership corporation, limited liability company
68 or other entity shall establish a new program, school or other entity
69 that offers instruction in any form or manner in barbering or
70 hairdressing on or after July 1, 2013, unless such person, board,
71 association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or
72 other entity first receives from the executive director of the Office of
73 Higher Education a certificate authorizing the barbering or
74 hairdressing occupational instruction to be offered in accordance with
75 the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10a-22a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10a-22b(h) and (i)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that private occupational schools function as postsecondary career schools for purposes of complying with 34 CFR 600.9.

[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.]