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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR
INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION."**

1 Strike subsection (l) of section 1 and insert the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "(l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j),
4 inclusive, of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board
5 of Education to regulate teacher education programs, new programs of
6 higher learning and program modifications proposed by an
7 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-
8 173, or a for-profit institution of higher education licensed to operate in
9 the state shall not be subject to approval by the Office of Higher
10 Education, until July 1, 2018, provided (1) the institution maintains
11 eligibility to participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV,
12 Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to
13 time, (2) the United States Department of Education has not

14 determined that the institution has a financial responsibility score that
15 is less than 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for which the data
16 necessary for determining the score is available, and (3) the institution
17 has been located in the state and accredited as a degree-granting
18 institution in good standing for ten years or more by a regional
19 accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of the United States
20 Department of Education and maintains such accreditation status. All
21 institutions that are exempt from program approval by the Office of
22 Higher Education under this subsection shall annually file with said
23 office not later than July first, annually, (A) a list and brief description
24 of any new programs of higher learning introduced by the institution
25 in the preceding academic year and any existing programs of higher
26 learning discontinued by the institution in the preceding academic
27 year, (B) the institution's current program approval process, and (C)
28 the institution's financial responsibility composite score, as determined
29 by the United States Department of Education, for the most recent
30 fiscal year for which the data necessary for determining the score is
31 available."