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Public Act No. 17-191

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION RELATING TO TEACH-OUT PLANS AND ON-SITE REVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. Section 10a-34e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

(a) The Office of Higher Education may conduct any necessary review, inspection or investigation regarding applications for licensure or accreditation or possible violations of this section and sections 10a-34 to 10a-34d, inclusive, as amended by this act, or of any applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies. In connection with any investigation, the executive director or the executive director's designee, may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of any record or document. If any person refuses to appear, testify or produce any record or document when so ordered, the executive director may seek relief pursuant to section 10a-34d.

(b) If the executive director of the Office of Higher Education determines that an institution of higher education that is not regionally accredited is exhibiting financial and administrative indicators that

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such institution is in danger of closing, the executive director may require such institution to facilitate a teach-out, as defined in section 10a-22m, provided the executive director and such institution previously discussed a teach-out that ensures that current students of such institution are able to complete their programs without significant impact.

Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

(f) The executive director of the Office of Higher Education, or the executive director's designee, may require (1) a focused or on-site review of any program application in a [health-related field where] field requiring a license [in Connecticut is required] to practice [in such field] in Connecticut, and (2) evidence that a program application in a field requiring a license to practice in Connecticut meets the state or federal licensing requirements for such license.

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