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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

**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:

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 Section 10a-34e of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) The Office of Higher Education may conduct any necessary
4 review, inspection or investigation regarding applications for licensure
5 or accreditation or possible violations of this section and sections 10a-
6 34 to 10a-34d, inclusive, as amended by this act, or of any applicable
7 regulations of Connecticut state agencies. In connection with any
8 investigation, the executive director or the executive director's
9 designee, may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony
10 and order the production of any record or document. If any person
11 refuses to appear, testify or produce any record or document when so
12 ordered, the executive director may seek relief pursuant to section 10a-

13 34d.

14 (b) If the executive director of the Office of Higher Education
15 determines that an institution of higher education that is not regionally
16 accredited is exhibiting financial and administrative indicators that
17 such institution is in danger of closing, the executive director may
18 require such institution to facilitate a teach-out, as defined in section
19 10a-22m, provided the executive director and such institution
20 previously discussed reasonable alternatives to a teach-out that ensure
21 that current students of such institution are able to complete their
22 programs without significant impact.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10a-34 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
25 *1, 2017*):

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-34e
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10a-34(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the executive director of the Office of Higher Education to require (1) a teach-out for students enrolled in a program at an institution of higher education that is in danger of closing, and (2) evidence that a program application in a field requiring a license to practice meets state and federal licensing requirements for such license.

[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.]