



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7119

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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 Section 10a-34e of the general statutes is repealed and the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 a teach-out that ensures that current students of
 21 such institution are able to complete their programs without
 22 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 24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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] in Connecticut, and (2) evidence that a program application in a
 31 field requiring a license to practice in Connecticut meets the state or
 32 federal licensing 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In section 2, "a license in Connecticut is required to practice, [in such field] and" was changed to "a license [in Connecticut is required] to practice [in such field] in Connecticut, and" for clarity.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*