General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:

(HED)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS OF INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Subsection (l) of section 10a-34 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2018):

(l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) to (j), inclusive, of this section and subject to the authority of the State Board of Education to regulate teacher education programs, new programs of higher learning and program modifications proposed by an independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173, shall not be subject to approval by the Office of Higher Education, until July 1, [2018] 2020, provided (1) the institution maintains eligibility to participate in financial aid programs governed by Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time to time, (2) the United States Department of Education has not
determined that the institution has a financial responsibility score that
is less than 1.5 for the most recent fiscal year for which the data
necessary for determining the score is available, and (3) the institution
has been located in the state and accredited as a degree-granting
institution in good standing for ten years or more by a regional
accrediting association recognized by the Secretary of the United States
Department of Education and maintains such accreditation status. All
institutions that are exempt from program approval by the Office of
Higher Education under this subsection shall file with said office not
later than July first, and annually thereafter, (A) a list and brief
description of any new programs of higher learning introduced by the
institution in the preceding academic year and any existing programs
of higher learning discontinued by the institution in the preceding
academic year, (B) the institution's current program approval process,
and (C) the institution's financial responsibility composite score, as
determined by the United States Department of Education, for the
most recent fiscal year for which the data necessary for determining
the score is available.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2018 | 10a-34(l) |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To extend the sunset on the moratorium for private institutions of
higher education to obtain the approval of the Office of Higher
Education for new or modified programs.

[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.]