

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 142**

February Session, 2018

LCO No. 2071

**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF INSTITUTIONAL  
ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS BY THE  
OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10a-22b of the 2018  
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (b) Except for initial authorizations, the executive director [shall]  
5 may accept institutional accreditation by an accrediting agency  
6 recognized by the United States Department of Education, in  
7 satisfaction of the requirements of this section and section 10a-22d,  
8 including the evaluation and attendance requirement. [, unless the  
9 executive director finds reasonable cause not to rely upon such  
10 accreditation.] Except for initial authorizations, the executive director  
11 may accept programmatic accreditation in satisfaction of the  
12 requirements of this section and section 10a-22d with regard to  
13 instruction offered by a hospital pursuant to subsection (h) of this  
14 section unless the executive director finds reasonable cause not to rely  
15 upon such accreditation.

16 (c) Each person, board, association, partnership, corporation, limited  
17 liability company or other entity which seeks to offer occupational

18 instruction shall submit to the executive director, or the executive  
19 director's designee, in such manner as the executive director, or the  
20 executive director's designee, prescribes, an application for a certificate  
21 of authorization which includes, but need not be limited to, (1) the  
22 proposed name of the school; (2) ownership and organization of the  
23 school including the names and addresses of all principals, officers,  
24 members and directors; (3) names and addresses of all stockholders of  
25 the school, except for applicants which are listed on a national  
26 securities exchange; (4) addresses of any building or premises on  
27 which the school will be located; (5) description of the occupational  
28 instruction to be offered; (6) the proposed student enrollment  
29 agreement, which includes for each program of occupational  
30 instruction offered a description, in plain language, of any  
31 requirements for employment in such occupation or barriers to such  
32 employment pursuant to state law or regulations; (7) the proposed  
33 school catalog, which includes for each program of occupational  
34 instruction offered a description of any requirements for employment  
35 in such occupation or barriers to such employment pursuant to state  
36 law or regulations; (8) financial statements detailing the financial  
37 condition of the school pursuant to subsection (d) of this section and  
38 subsection (g) of section 10a-22d prepared by management and  
39 reviewed or audited, or, for a nonaccredited school annually enrolling  
40 fewer than ten students, compiled, by an independent licensed  
41 certified public accountant or independent licensed public accountant;  
42 and (9) an agent for service of process. Each application for initial  
43 authorization shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee  
44 made payable to the private occupational school student protection  
45 account in the amount of two thousand dollars for the private  
46 occupational school and two hundred dollars for each branch of a  
47 private occupational school in this state. Any application for initial  
48 authorization which remains incomplete after six months from the  
49 date such application was first submitted to the Office of Higher  
50 Education shall expire and the office shall not approve for  
51 authorization such expired application.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-22b(b) and (c)
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