

# Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-142

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

**Title:** EDUCATION.

**Vote Date:** 3/6/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/20/2018

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Office of Higher Education

### REASONS FOR BILL:

To ensure the fair treatment of students and families by allowing the Office of Higher Education the discretion to accept or not accept third party accreditation for private occupational schools.

Substitute language:

- Lines 8-10: deleted the unnecessary phrase “unless the executive director finds reasonable cause not to rely upon such accreditation,” because the OHE executive director now has discretion under the bill

Lines 47-51: adds language clarifying that the authorization application

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Keith M. Norton, Acting Executive Director, Office of Higher Education](#): Acting Executive Director Norton testified on behalf of the Office of Higher Education in favor of this bill. He highlighted the need for the Office of Higher Education to be able to act should a postsecondary school have difficulties the accreditor does not recognize. He also cited the need for the six month timeframe for new school applications.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

See Response from Administration/Agency

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None

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