AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS INELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION AND PUBLIC FUNDS.

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

That part I of chapter 185 of the general statutes be amended to (1) require a private occupational school to disclose to the Office of Higher Education any claims made against such school by a currently or formerly enrolled student if such school requires any student, as a condition of enrollment, to (A) limit participation in a class action lawsuit, (B) limit any claim or damages for such claim, or (C) assert any claim in a less convenient, more costly or more dilatory forum than a judicial forum, and (2) (A) permit said office to deny an application for authorization or reauthorization from such school if it is determined to be in the best interest of the students, and (B) consider such school ineligible to receive any public funds.

Statement of Purpose:
To prevent private occupational schools that require students to waive certain rights, as a condition of enrollment, from receiving a certificate of authorization or public funds from the Office of Higher Education.