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Substitute House Bill No. 5237

House of Representatives, March 28, 2024

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING STUDENT SURVEYS DURING EVALUATION OF A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL TO RENEW A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-22b of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (NEW) (h) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Office of Higher
4 Education shall develop a survey to be completed by students of a
5 private career school during an evaluation conducted pursuant to
6 subsection (e) of this section for each private career school applying to
7 renew its certificate of authorization pursuant to section 10a-22d. Such
8 survey shall include, but need not be limited to, questions concerning
9 the quality of each course or program of instruction in which a student
10 is or was enrolled. Each evaluation team appointed pursuant to
11 subsection (f) of this section on or after January 1, 2025, shall administer
12 such survey to students as part of its evaluation of a private career

13 school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10a-22b(h)

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to develop a student survey for renewing a private career school's certificate of authorization, does not result in a fiscal impact as OHE has the technology, staff and expertise necessary to develop the survey.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

By law, private career schools must have a certificate of authorization from the Office of Higher Education (OHE) in order to operate. These certificates must be applied for before initially opening a school, renewed annually for the next three years, and renewed for up to every five years after that. During the application or renewal process, OHE appoints a team to evaluate the school.

The bill requires OHE, by January 1, 2025, to develop a student survey to be conducted during an evaluation for renewing a private career school's certificate of authorization. The survey must at least include questions about the quality of each course or instructional program in which the student is or was enrolled.

Under the bill, each evaluation team must administer the survey to students beginning with evaluations on or after January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/14/2024)