
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5237

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

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)