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BELARDI, NOVEMBER 25, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NOVEMBER 25, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
2 entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
3 regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
4 of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
5 repeals," providing for the licensure and registration of off
6 campus learning centers.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of December 15, 1986
10 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act,
11 is amended by adding a definition to read:

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Off campus learning center." A facility which is registered
18 or licensed with the board and located within this Commonwealth

1 and away from the main campus of a private licensed school or
2 registered school to which it is an extension. The facility must
3 not be owned by the school, must operate as less than a full
4 service school and must market only programs, courses or both
5 approved by the board.

6 Section 2. Sections 7 and 8 of the act are amended by adding
7 subsections to read:

8 Section 7. Application for license.

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10 (d) Off campus learning centers.--Each private licensed or
11 registered school shall obtain a separate license or certificate
12 of registration for each learning center. Before any license or
13 certificate is issued for an off campus learning center an
14 application shall be made in writing to the board on a form
15 prepared and furnished by the department. In addition to the
16 application requirements for the main campus an off campus
17 learning center shall be subject to the following guidelines:

18 (1) In general, the curriculum offerings shall be
19 restricted to selected courses and not complete programs
20 except under special circumstances as authorized by the
21 board.

22 (2) The application for issuance or renewal of a
23 certificate of registration shall cover only the offering of
24 courses and programs currently approved at the main campus
25 with no new individual program fees required.

26 (3) Approval for new programs and courses which are not
27 currently approved at the main campus and which are intended
28 for offering at the learning center shall be processed
29 through the main campus using current processing, procedures
30 and fees.

1 (4) The application must include a rationale to support
2 the perceived need for the off campus learning center.

3 (5) The number of tuition-paid students enrolled at each
4 off campus learning center shall not exceed 50 per class.

5 (6) The private licensed or registered school must
6 commit in writing to students enrolled in any course or
7 program at an off campus learning center that once begun the
8 students will be given the opportunity to complete the
9 courses or program either at the off campus learning center
10 or at the main campus or be entitled to a full refund.

11 (7) Standards of quality for faculty, lab equipment,
12 instructional materials and aids shall be at the same level
13 found at the main campus.

14 (8) A certificate of registration for an off campus
15 learning center shall be issued for only one year.

16 (9) A registered school shall be in operation with
17 students enrolled for a minimum of two years prior to
18 submitting an application for an off campus learning center.

19 (10) The off campus learning center shall provide those
20 support services which are essential to the delivery of
21 instructional activities.

22 (11) In general, all other administrative rules that
23 apply to the main campus shall also apply to the off campus
24 learning center except those exempted by this act or by the
25 board.

26 Section 8. Issuance and renewal of license.

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28 (d) Off campus learning center fee.--Each application for
29 issuance or renewal of an off campus learning center shall be
30 accompanied by a non-refundable fee established by the board.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.