

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 456 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, FONTANA, VOGEL AND REGAN, MARCH 19, 2019

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 24, 2019

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," further providing for definitions and for license <--
6 fees and providing for multibranch training schools., FOR <--
7 STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS, FOR POWERS AND
8 DUTIES OF BOARD, FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, FOR LICENSE
9 FEES AND FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND OPERATION;
10 PROVIDING FOR MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOLS AND FOR
11 INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS AUTHORITY; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
12 PROMULGATION OF RULES; AND REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO
13 EXISTING LICENSES TO REMAIN IN FORCE AND TRANSFER OF
14 PERSONNEL, ETC.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. The definition of "multibranch training school" <--
18 in section 2 of the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
19 known as the Private Licensed Schools Act, is amended to read:

20 Section 2. Definitions.

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

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1 ~~"Multibranch training school." A business corporation~~
2 ~~licensed to do business in Pennsylvania having more than one~~
3 ~~branch facility at which instruction is offered to the general~~
4 ~~public for a fee. A branch facility shall mean a facility of a~~
5 ~~licensed school when all of the following occur:~~

6 ~~(1) The facility has the same ownership, management or~~
7 ~~control as that of the licensed school.~~

8 ~~(2) The curriculum offered at such facility is~~
9 ~~substantially the same as the curriculum offered at the~~
10 ~~licensed school.~~

11 ~~(3) The number of tuition paid students enrolled at each~~
12 ~~such facility does not exceed 50 per class.~~

13 ~~(4) The facility is [located within the same county and~~
14 ~~is] administratively an integral part of the licensed school.~~
15 ~~No additional license fees or bond shall be required of any~~
16 ~~such facility, provided that the physical plant of each such~~
17 ~~facility is approved by the board.~~

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19 ~~Section 2. Section 10(b) of the act is amended to read:~~

20 ~~Section 10. License fees.~~

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22 ~~(b) Multibranch training school fee. A multibranch training~~
23 ~~school shall pay the same fees set forth in subsection (a),~~
24 ~~except that such school shall be required to pay only one fee~~
25 ~~for any and all branch training schools [located in one county].~~

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27 ~~Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:~~

28 SECTION 1. THE DEFINITIONS OF "ADEQUATE CORRECTION SERVICE," <--
29 "MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOL" AND "PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL" IN
30 SECTION 2 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, NO.174),

1 KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS ACT, ARE AMENDED AND THE
2 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO READ:
3 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

4 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL
5 HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
6 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

7 ["ADEQUATE CORRECTION SERVICE." THE PROPER RECEIPT AND
8 PROMPT CORRECTION OF ALL HOME-STUDY TESTS AND MATERIALS, WITH
9 APPROPRIATE WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CORRECTION OF
10 ERRORS AND APPARENT WEAKNESSES, AND THE PROMPT RETURN OF THE
11 CORRECTED MATERIALS TO STUDENTS CONCERNED.]

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13 "BRANCH FACILITY." A FACILITY OF A PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL
14 WHEN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:

15 (1) THE FACILITY HAS THE SAME OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT OR
16 CONTROL AS THAT OF THE PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL.

17 (2) THE CURRICULUM OFFERED AT THE FACILITY IS
18 SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THE CURRICULUM OFFERED AT THE
19 PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL.

20 (3) THE NUMBER OF TUITION-PAID STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH
21 FACILITY DOES NOT EXCEED 50 PER CLASS.

22 (4) THE FACILITY IS ADMINISTRATIVELY AN INTEGRAL PART OF
23 THE PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL.

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25 "DISTANCE EDUCATION." INSTRUCTION OFFERED BY ANY MEANS WHERE
26 THE STUDENT AND FACULTY MEMBER ARE IN SEPARATE PHYSICAL
27 LOCATIONS SO THAT IN-PERSON COMMUNICATION IS ABSENT AND
28 COMMUNICATION IS ACCOMPLISHED INSTEAD BY ONE OR MORE
29 TECHNOLOGICAL MEDIA. THE TERM INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,
30 REAL-TIME OR DELAYED INTERACTION USING VOICE, VIDEO, DATA OR

1 TEXT, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ONLINE, VIA CORRESPONDENCE
2 OR VIA INTERACTIVE VIDEO. INSTRUCTION PROVIDED VIA SYNCHRONOUS
3 VIDEO FROM AN INSTITUTION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH TO ADDITIONAL
4 CAMPUS SITES OF THE SAME INSTITUTION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH IS NOT
5 CONSIDERED DISTANCE EDUCATION. THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE
6 INDEPENDENT STUDY OR INSTRUCTION WHICH IS NOT INSTRUCTOR LED.

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8 "MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOL." A [BUSINESS CORPORATION]
9 SCHOOL LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN PENNSYLVANIA HAVING [MORE
10 THAN] AT LEAST ONE BRANCH FACILITY AT WHICH INSTRUCTION IS
11 OFFERED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR A FEE. [A BRANCH FACILITY
12 SHALL MEAN A FACILITY OF A LICENSED SCHOOL WHEN ALL OF THE
13 FOLLOWING OCCUR:

14 (1) THE FACILITY HAS THE SAME OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT OR
15 CONTROL AS THAT OF THE LICENSED SCHOOL.

16 (2) THE CURRICULUM OFFERED AT SUCH FACILITY IS
17 SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THE CURRICULUM OFFERED AT THE
18 LICENSED SCHOOL.

19 (3) THE NUMBER OF TUITION-PAID STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EACH
20 SUCH FACILITY DOES NOT EXCEED 50 PER CLASS.

21 (4) THE FACILITY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY AND
22 IS ADMINISTRATIVELY AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LICENSED SCHOOL.
23 NO ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEES OR BOND SHALL BE REQUIRED OF ANY
24 SUCH FACILITY, PROVIDED THAT THE PHYSICAL PLANT OF EACH SUCH
25 FACILITY IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.]

26 "PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL." A SCHOOL OR CLASSES OPERATED FOR
27 PROFIT OR TUITION THAT PROVIDES RESIDENT INSTRUCTION TO PREPARE
28 AN INDIVIDUAL TO PURSUE AN OCCUPATION IN THE SKILLED TRADES,
29 INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS, OR SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION BY
30 [CORRESPONDENCE OR BY TELECOMMUNICATION] DISTANCE EDUCATION IN A

1 FIELD OF STUDY. IT SHALL NOT INCLUDE A PRIVATE ACADEMIC SCHOOL
2 AS DEFINED IN [THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1947 (P.L.951, NO.401),
3 ENTITLED, AS AMENDED, "AN ACT DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE
4 LICENSING AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS; CONFERRING
5 POWERS AND IMPOSING DUTIES ON THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE
6 ACADEMIC SCHOOLS; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES"] SECTION 2 OF THE ACT
7 OF JANUARY 28, 1988 (P.L.24, NO.11), KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE
8 ACADEMIC SCHOOLS ACT; A SCHOOL MAINTAINED OR A CLASS CONDUCTED
9 FOR TRAINING FOR THE VOCATION OF HOME MAKING OR TO GIVE TRAINING
10 IN PUBLIC AND OTHER SERVICE OCCUPATIONS; A BARBER SCHOOL; A
11 SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY; A FLIGHT SCHOOL; A PRIVATE TUTORIAL
12 SCHOOL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A SCHOOL OF MUSIC OR
13 DANCE; AN INSTITUTION GRANTING A DEGREE OTHER THAN THOSE
14 APPROVED TO AWARD THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SPECIALIZED
15 BUSINESS OR ASSOCIATE IN SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY; A SCHOOL OR
16 CLASS CONDUCTED BY AN EMPLOYER OR TRADE UNION FOR EMPLOYEES OR
17 UNION MEMBERS WHERE NO FEE OR TUITION IS CHARGED; A SCHOOL OWNED
18 AND OPERATED BY A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION WHOSE ONLY
19 PURPOSE IS THE PROVIDING OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION; A SCHOOL
20 CONDUCTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
21 THEREOF; OR A SCHOOL WHICH IS OPERATED BY A HOSPITAL LICENSED
22 UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 19, 1979 (P.L.130, NO.48), KNOWN AS THE
23 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACT, AND WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY A
24 REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY.

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26 "TEACH-OUT." THE CONTINUATION OF INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS TO
27 COMPLETE THE PROGRAM OR COURSE IN WHICH THE STUDENTS ARE
28 ENROLLED WHEN THE SCHOOL'S LICENSE HAS EXPIRED, BEEN REVOKED OR
29 A SCHOOL HAS CEASED ENROLLMENT.

30 SECTION 2. SECTION 3(A) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

1 SECTION 3. THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS.

2 (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD.--THERE IS HEREBY CREATED
3 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT A DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD TO BE
4 KNOWN AS THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS. THE BOARD
5 SHALL CONSIST OF 15 MEMBERS, 14 OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY
6 THE SECRETARY. THREE MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT PRIVATE LICENSED
7 SCHOOLS PROVIDING INSTRUCTION IN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL
8 PURSUITS, THREE MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS
9 PROVIDING INSTRUCTION IN TRADES OR TECHNOLOGIES, THREE MEMBERS
10 SHALL REPRESENT PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS PROVIDING
11 [CORRESPONDENCE] DISTANCE EDUCATION OR HOME-STUDY INSTRUCTION
12 AND FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
13 HAVING NO CURRENT AFFILIATION WITH PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS. THE
14 DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE OFFICE OF
15 ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR A DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE EX OFFICIO AND
16 SHALL HAVE VOTING RIGHTS. [OF THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS, SEVEN
17 MEMBERS, TWO FROM THE BUSINESS, ONE EACH FROM TRADE AND
18 CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL SECTORS AND THREE FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR,
19 SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS OF TWO YEARS. SEVEN MEMBERS, ONE
20 FROM THE BUSINESS, TWO EACH FROM TRADE AND CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL
21 SECTORS AND TWO FROM THE PUBLIC SECTORS, SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR
22 TERMS OF FOUR YEARS.] AFTER THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS, ALL TERMS
23 SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED,
24 BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL A MEMBER HOLD OFFICE FOR LONGER THAN SIX
25 MONTHS BEYOND EXPIRATION OF THE TERM. NO BOARD MEMBER SHALL
26 SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS. AN APPOINTMENT
27 TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL BE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

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29 SECTION 3. SECTION 4(B) AND (D) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED AND
30 THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

1 SECTION 4. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD.

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3 [(B) DISPOSITION OF STUDENT RECORDS.--THE BOARD SHALL
4 REQUIRE EVERY APPLICANT FOR INITIAL OR RENEWAL LICENSURE TO
5 PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT DESCRIBING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
6 DISPOSITION OF STUDENT RECORDS IN THE EVENT OF CLOSURE. IT SHALL
7 BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN THE
8 EXECUTION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHEN NECESSARY. PRIORITY SHALL BE
9 GIVEN TO PLANS FOR RETENTION OF THE RECORDS WITH EXISTING
10 PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.]

11 (B.1) REPOSITORY OF STUDENT RECORDS.--THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

12 (1) THE BOARD MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD
13 PARTY TO ESTABLISH A CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY OF STUDENT
14 RECORDS FOR ALL PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS. IF THE BOARD ENTERS
15 INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD PARTY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, A
16 PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL SHALL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
17 BOARD AND THE THIRD PARTY TO PROVIDE THE PRIVATE LICENSED
18 SCHOOL'S STUDENT RECORDS FOR THE CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY,
19 INCLUDING STUDENT RECORDS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY
20 DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD, THE THIRD PARTY OR ANOTHER PRIVATE
21 LICENSED SCHOOL. THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL TIMELINE
22 FOR THE PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL TO PROVIDE STUDENT RECORDS
23 FOR THE CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY.

24 (2) THE BOARD OR THIRD PARTY AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD MAY
25 USE CURRENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND OTHER MEANS TO
26 PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SECURITY AND PRIVACY FOR THE
27 CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY OF STUDENT RECORDS.

28 (3) THE BOARD OR A THIRD PARTY AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD
29 MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE FEES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE
30 CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY OF STUDENT RECORDS. THE BOARD MAY

1 OVERTURN A FEE IMPOSED BY A THIRD PARTY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH
2 BY A MAJORITY VOTE IF THE BOARD DEEMS THE FEE TO BE
3 UNREASONABLE.

4 (4) A THIRD PARTY CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY SHALL BE
5 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD A PLAN OF SUCCESSION TO
6 PROTECT AND PROVIDE SERVICE FOR STUDENT RECORDS IN THE EVENT
7 THE CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY CEASES OPERATION.

8 (5) THE THIRD PARTY CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY SHALL
9 MAINTAIN THE RECORDS FOR 50 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF GRADUATION
10 OR WITHDRAWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL
11 RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (PUBLIC LAW 90-247, 20 U.S.C.
12 § 1232G).

13 (6) A RECORDS REPOSITORY AGREEMENT SUBMITTED WITH AN
14 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OR RENEWAL SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
15 UNTIL THE PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOL FULLY PARTICIPATES IN THE
16 CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY.

17 (7) SUBSECTION (B) SHALL APPLY UNTIL THE BOARD HAS:

18 (I) ENTERED INTO A THIRD-PARTY AGREEMENT AS
19 PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1);

20 (II) THE REPOSITORY IS FUNCTIONING; AND

21 (III) SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
22 FOR PUBLICATION AS A NOTICE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN
23 THE DATE THE CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY IS ACCEPTING STUDENT
24 RECORDS.

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26 (D) STATISTICAL REPORT.--THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO
27 THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
28 REPRESENTATIVES A REPORT CONTAINING STATISTICAL DATA ON TUITION
29 RATES, JOB PLACEMENT OF GRADUATES [,] AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS
30 COMPLETING PROGRAMS OF STUDY [AND THE LEVEL OF STATE SUPPORT FOR

1 STUDENTS]. PRIVATE LICENSED OR REGISTERED SCHOOLS SHALL SUBMIT
2 THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT BY SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR
3 FOR THE PRECEDING ACADEMIC YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

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5 SECTION 4. SECTIONS 7(A) (3) AND (4) AND 10(B) OF THE ACT ARE
6 AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 7. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

8 (A) GENERAL RULE.--BEFORE ANY LICENSE IS ISSUED TO A PRIVATE
9 SCHOOL, A VERIFIED APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE, IN WRITING, TO THE
10 BOARD ON A FORM PREPARED AND FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE
11 APPLICATION SHALL REQUIRE A STATEMENT SHOWING:

12 * * *

13 (3) THE PLACE OR PLACES WHERE INSTRUCTION WILL BE GIVEN
14 OR [CORRECTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS]
15 THE LOCATION FROM WHICH INSTRUCTION BY DISTANCE EDUCATION
16 WILL ORIGINATE.

17 (4) A SPECIFIC LISTING OF THE EQUIPMENT AND STAFF
18 AVAILABLE FOR INSTRUCTION IN EACH PROGRAM, AND FOR THE PROPER
19 ADMINISTRATION OF [CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OF STUDY AND FOR
20 MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE CORRECTION SERVICE] DISTANCE
21 EDUCATION COURSES.

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23 SECTION 10. LICENSE FEES.

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25 (B) MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOL AND BRANCH FACILITY FEE.--A
26 MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOL AND A BRANCH FACILITY SHALL PAY THE
27 SAME FEES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) [, EXCEPT THAT SUCH SCHOOL
28 SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ONLY ONE FEE FOR ANY AND ALL BRANCH
29 TRAINING SCHOOLS LOCATED IN ONE COUNTY]. NO ADDITIONAL LICENSE
30 FEES OR BOND, EXCLUDING SURETY BOND AND BOARD-APPROVED PRIVATE

1 SURETY FUND, SHALL BE REQUIRED OF A MULTIBRANCH TRAINING SCHOOL
2 AND BRANCH FACILITY.

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4 SECTION 5. SECTION 12 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
5 SUBSECTION TO READ:

6 SECTION 12. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND OPERATION.

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8 (F) SCHOOL CLOSURE.--A SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AT
9 LEAST 30 CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE OF A SCHOOL CLOSURE. A LICENSE
10 OR REGISTRATION SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATE WHEN THE SCHOOL
11 CLOSES. IF A SCHOOL IS PLANNING TO CLOSE OR IF THE SCHOOL FACES
12 A SITUATION THAT COULD RESULT IN CLOSURE, THE SCHOOL MUST
13 PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A TEACH-OUT PLAN, A LIST OF ALL CURRENT
14 STUDENTS WITH CONTACT INFORMATION AND COPIES OF CURRENT STUDENT
15 TRANSCRIPTS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED. A SCHOOL
16 THAT IS CLOSING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING COMPLETION BY ALL
17 CURRENT STUDENTS OR PLACEMENT OF ALL CURRENT STUDENTS IN AN
18 APPROPRIATE TEACH-OUT OR TRANSFER PROGRAM, ENSURING THAT ALL
19 STUDENT ACADEMIC RECORDS ARE SECURELY PLACED IN THE REPOSITORY
20 OF STUDENT RECORDS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4(B.1) OR WITH
21 ANOTHER APPROVED REPOSITORY WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE DATE OF
22 CLOSURE AND PROVIDING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR A RESPONSIBLE
23 SCHOOL OFFICIAL FOR UP TO ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE DATE OF
24 CLOSURE.

25 SECTION 6. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

26 Section 13.1. Multibranch training schools.

27 (a) Board approval.--A licensed school shall receive
28 approval from the board prior to opening a branch facility
29 within this Commonwealth. To receive approval under this
30 subsection, the licensed school must:

1 (1) Have been operational for two years prior to
2 requesting approval.

3 (2) Be in good standing with the board.

4 (b) Geographical limitations.--A licensed school may only
5 operate a branch facility in a county contiguous to the licensed
6 school or within less than a 60-mile radius of the licensed
7 school.

8 ~~Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~ <--

9 SECTION 13.2. INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS AUTHORITY. <--

10 A LICENSED SCHOOL UNDER THIS ACT MAY OFFER INSTITUTIONAL
11 GRANTS TO STUDENTS OF ANY AMOUNT WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.

12 SECTION 7. SECTION 14 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

13 SECTION 14. PROMULGATION OF RULES.

14 THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
15 CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT. [THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
16 OF THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOLS, THE STATE BOARD
17 OF PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS AND THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE
18 TRADE SCHOOLS IN FORCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND
19 NOT COUNTERMANDED BY THIS ACT, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL
20 REPEALED OR AMENDED BY THE BOARD, BUT NOT FOR A PERIOD OF MORE
21 THAN ONE YEAR.]

22 SECTION 8. SECTIONS 16 AND 17 OF THE ACT ARE REPEALED:

23 [SECTION 16. EXISTING LICENSES TO REMAIN IN FORCE.

24 LICENSES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE BUSINESS
25 SCHOOLS, THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE TRADE SCHOOLS AND THE STATE
26 BOARD OF PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE
27 FOR THE PERIOD OF THE LICENSE. AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL OF THE
28 LICENSE, THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE LICENSED SCHOOLS MAY
29 ESTABLISH A STAGGERED SCHEDULE FOR RENEWAL.

30 SECTION 17. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL, ETC.

1 PERSONNEL, ALLOCATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, EQUIPMENT, FILES,
2 RECORDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER MATERIALS
3 WHICH ARE USED, EMPLOYED OR EXPENDED BY THE BOARDS HEREBY
4 ABOLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE POWERS, DUTIES OR FUNCTIONS
5 EXERCISED UNDER THIS ACT BY THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE LICENSED
6 SCHOOLS ARE HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE
7 LICENSED SCHOOLS WITH THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF THE
8 APPROPRIATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO, AS IF SAID ITEMS HAD BEEN THE
9 PROPERTY OF AND AS IF THE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS
10 HAD BEEN INCURRED OR ENTERED INTO BY SAID STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE
11 LICENSED SCHOOLS.]

12 SECTION 9. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

13 (1) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 4(B) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE
14 EFFECT ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE PUBLISHED UNDER
15 SECTION 4(B.1)(7)(III) OF THE ACT.

16 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60
17 DAYS.