



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2371

postsecondary education board; exceptions; continuation

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ackerley, LD 2

DP Committee on Government and Higher Education

DPA Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2371 continues the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education (Board) for eight years and modifies a licensure exemption for certain private vocational programs.

PROVISIONS

1. Continues the Board for eight years.
 - a. Applies a retroactive date of July 1, 2016.
2. Removes the hour and dollar threshold for the exemption of licensure when the instruction is related to hobbies, avocations, academic improvement or recreation.
3. Allows the Board to issue a license to an exempt educational institution, upon application.

CURRENT LAW

The Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor ([A.R.S. § 32-3002](#)) and is charged with licensing and regulating private postsecondary educational institutions operating vocational and degree programs. Private vocational programs are prohibited from operation, unless the operator holds a license from the Board or qualifies for an exemption. Statute provides multiple exemptions from licensure by the Board, including an exemption for schools or private instruction related to hobbies, avocations, academic improvement or recreation that may incidentally lead to gainful employment. For a program to qualify for this exemption, it must contain under 40 hours of instruction and cost less than \$1,000 ([A.R.S. § 32-3021](#)).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On November 10, 2015, the Senate Education and House of Representatives Government and Higher Education Committee of Reference recommended the Board be continued for eight years.