



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 200

Senate, February 26, 2013

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUTLER SCHOOL AND THE SAWYER SCHOOL.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Higher
2 Education is authorized to issue certificates of completion to every
3 student who has been determined by said office to have successfully
4 completed such student's course of study at the Butler Business School
5 located in the city of Bridgeport or the Sawyer School located in the
6 town of Hamden and the city of Hartford.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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HED Joint Favorable Subst.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 or FY 14 (one-time) \$
Office of Higher Education	Private Occupational School Account - Cost	Less than \$2,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a minimal cost to the Private Occupational School Account (a non-appropriated account with revenues coming from private occupational schools), which is overseen by the Office of Higher Education. The cost is associated with the purchasing of certificates for 85 students and is expected to be less than \$2,000.

The Out Years

There are no anticipated costs in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 200*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUTLER SCHOOL AND THE SAWYER SCHOOL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to issue certificates of completion to students whom the office determines have successfully completed their course of study at the (1) Butler Business School in Bridgeport or (2) Sawyer School in Hamden and Hartford.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Private Occupational School Closures***

OHE oversees private occupational schools, which are privately-controlled schools that offer instruction in trades or industrial, commercial, professional, or service occupations for remuneration. By law, a private occupational school must provide at least 60 days' notice to the OHE executive director before closing. The school must also, among other things, provide evidence that all current students' coursework is or will be completed.

Butler and Sawyer are private occupational schools that closed in December 2012. Neither school provided the required 60 days' notice to OHE, nor did they provide evidence that all current students' coursework is or will be completed.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/14/2013)