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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS AND CLOSURE PLANS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION."**

1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 5. Section 10a-22h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

5 [(a) No representative of a private occupational school not authorized  
6 pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u  
7 to 10a-22w, inclusive, shall visit the residence of any prospective  
8 student, solicit enrollments, sell occupational instruction in any form or  
9 manner, make representations or give counsel to prospective students  
10 without first obtaining a permit from the executive director. Such permit  
11 shall not be represented to constitute approval of the school itself. Any

12 contract entered into in violation of this section shall not be enforceable  
13 by such school.

14 (b) Any person seeking to represent an out-of-state private  
15 occupational school not authorized pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-  
16 22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive, shall file an  
17 application with the Office of Higher Education on forms prescribed by  
18 the executive director. Upon issuance of a permit, such representative  
19 shall pay a nonrefundable fee of five hundred dollars into the private  
20 occupational student protection account. The permit shall be valid for a  
21 period of one year from date of issuance.]

22 Any out-of-state private occupational school that seeks to operate a  
23 distance learning program in the state shall submit an application to the  
24 Office of Higher Education in the form and manner prescribed by the  
25 office. Each such private occupational school shall agree to abide by  
26 standards established by the office. The office shall approve or reject  
27 such private occupational school's application in accordance with the  
28 standards established by the office. Authorization by the office to  
29 operate a distance learning program in the state shall be valid for a  
30 period of one year and may be renewed by the office for additional one-  
31 year periods. The office shall establish a schedule of application and  
32 renewal fees for all out-of-state private occupational schools that are  
33 approved by the office. As used in this subsection, "distance learning  
34 program" means a program of study in which lectures are broadcast or  
35 classes are conducted by correspondence or over the Internet, without  
36 requiring a student to attend in person."

37 In line 232, strike "and said office"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 5	July 1, 2021	10a-22h