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The Board has drafted new regulatory language taking into consideration many best practices from around the country. We are struggling to get the attention and priority needed to promulgate the revised language.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature that would permit the Board to contract with a central repository to protect and service all student records from closed schools. It is not clear yet if the bill will move.

Adequate staffing continues to be an issue.

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SC has not had any statutory or regulatory changes, but licensing staff have been tasked with writing an updated documentation of policies and procedures for review by Commissioners. Most likely license renewal for degree-granting institutions, now handled at staff level, will be subject to review by the agency's Committee on Academic Affairs and full Commission. Commissioners have already shown increased interest in shorter periods of licensure allowing for more frequent review at the Commission level.

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The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is promulgating rules for the Indiana Board for Proprietary Education. Title 571 establishes requirements for postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institutions to operate in the State of Indiana. The rule will establish specific procedures for authorization, approving programs and administering the Career College Student Assurance Fund.

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1. Virginia submitted two pieces of legislation and both were defeated. In the first, we were hoping to improve student protections by making changes to the surety requirements and creating a Student Tuition Guarantee fund. The second piece of legislation was to require out-of-state institutions to be part of the reciprocity agreement to provide distance education to Virginia residents. We will be considering the submission of revisions both for the 2019 session
 2. During the 2018 session a new Ombudsman position was created at SCHEV. Duties will include receiving, reviewing, and attempting to resolve complaints from qualified education loan borrowers. The position is meant to help students that are having issues with loan repayment and difficulty in maneuvering through the student loan repayment process.
 3. We are in the process of revamping our entire application process. Institutions will be required to submit an "Intent to Operate a Postsecondary Institution" prior to submitting an actual application. This is a way to improve application quality and weed out applicants that do not have capacity to operate a postsecondary school.
 4. Later this year, we will begin a project to evaluate the condition of online education being provided through Virginia certified institutions. An audit of the online education provided by a suspected Visa mill was eye opening and disturbing.
 5. After consulting with the attorney general's office, we will begin the process of creating Guidance Documents for several areas in our regulations that are murky and require clarification.
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no updates at this time.

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As of April 17, 2018, legislation passed the state house and senate (SB2294/HB2363) and is before the Governor for signature. There are no other updates for Tennessee.

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Utah - No updates.

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Washington Workforce Training Board / Consumer Protection Services

- The Workforce Board's Consumer Protection Services Unit oversees roughly 300 Private Career Schools offering certificate and diploma programs (<http://wtb.wa.gov/pcs.asp>) and VA Educational Programs (<http://www.wtb.wa.gov/veterans.asp>).
- The Consumer Protection Services Unit consists of six staff: Three Program Specialists assigned to work with private career schools; two Veterans Education Consultants that under federal law evaluate and approve education programs for veterans using G.I. Bill benefits; and one Administrative Assistant that supports unit staff.
- Although this number varies, there are currently 288 licensed private career schools within Washington offering education programs below the degree level, both certificate and diploma, and 18 out-of-state schools, serving an estimated 38,000 students. Degree granting private career institutions are regulated by our sister agency, the Washington Student Achievement Council (Sam Loftin and Tivoli Sharp). Cosmetology Schools are overseen by the Dept. of Licensing.
- Veterans Education staff last year (Federal FY17) approved 910 degree programs (non-transfer degrees) offered at 237 institutions of higher learning, and 1,276 non-degree programs at 99 private career schools.
- 17 Student Complaints filed in FY17: 10 no violation found, 3 mediated/settled; 3 with findings of a violation; 1 suspension. (A 48% decrease in complaint filed since FY15)
- Conducted 90 school compliance visits and inspections and requests for technical assistance.
- \$0 claims in FY17 paid out of Tuition Trust Recovery Fund (RCW 28C.10.080 and 084).
- Schools renew their licenses annually with the Workforce Board. Licensing fees and deposits collected from the schools fund the Tuition Recovery Trust Fund. This fund helps students recover their financial investment in the event of an unexpected school closure. Funds collected from the schools are calculated based on a fee schedule of established ranges tuition revenue the school received. (WAC 490-105-070 and 084).
- Legislation (SB5022) known as the Washington Student Loan Transparency Act, effective July 1, 2018, requires public and private postsecondary institutions to provide notice to each enrolled student that applied for financial aid or a private student loan through the school, information about their student loan. The notice is to include: total amount of loans taken out and certified by the school; total payoff amount and principal and interest; estimated monthly repayment amount based on federal loan repayment plan borrowers are automatically enrolled in; percentage a student has reached of their total loan borrowing for Federal Loans that apply to a student's program of study; and provide consumer information about federal and state resources, such as Student Education Loan Debt Hotline or Federal Student Loan Repayment Calculator.

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Update

Background: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has oversight of degree-granting private postsecondary institutions in Texas.

Following is a short summary of THECB rule changes effective February 28, 2018. If interested, I can email a link to the administrative rules, as not every change is referenced.

Major revisions or additions:

- Academic Records Repository

- o Added a new rule regarding academic records maintenance, protection, and repository of last resort.
- o Provided the parameters for a closed institution records repository.
- o The repository will be a repository of last resort.
- o Also stated that THECB will specify the format in which operating institutions shall maintain their records.

- Additional Oversight

- o Added additional monitoring and restrictions for institutions under accreditor negative actions or sanctions.
 - Requires reporting of negative findings, actions or sanctions by an institutional accreditor.
 - Requires affected institutions to provide a plan to maintain accreditation.
 - Allows listing sanctions on the THECB website.
 - Places restrictions on institutions such as limiting additions of authorized programs, increasing financial sureties, and additional reviews.

- Financial Resources

- o Added requirement that all Certificate of Authorization institutions (already have recognized accreditation) have adequate financial resources to fulfill commitment to students for the current term.
 - Already a requirement for Certificate of Authority institutions (working toward recognized accreditation).
 - Includes requirement to provide evidence of reserves, lines of credit, or other surety instruments conditioned to provide indemnification for losses suffered as a result of violation of any minimum standard or as a result of the institution ceasing operation.

- Other Supporting Revisions

- o Additional definitions and clarifications were made to support the major changes.

If you have any questions regarding the rule changes, please contact Cathie Maeyaert, Special Projects Director, by phone at 512.427.6527 or via email at Cathie.Maeyaert@thecb.state.tx.us.

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Our jurisdiction covers only accredited, degree-granting institutions physically present in Hawaii. We do not regulate purely distance schools. We finally got our initial administrative rules adopted. Regarding physical presence triggers, for the most part, our rules follow what is stated in the SARA policies.

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/255-C.pdf>

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Degree-granting and the Private Business and Vocational Schools Divisions had multiple changes to the the Administrative Rules and the fee structure:

Here is the IBHE website link: <https://www.ibhe.org/aamain.html>

The section highlighting the Admin Rules changes is:

Administrative Rules

Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1050) - Public - New! Dec 2017

Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1030) - Private - New! Dec 2017

Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1095) - PBVS - New! Dec 2017

Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1009) - Dual Credit - New! Dec 2017

Administrative Rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1033) - SARA Distance Learning - August 2015

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Last April, legislation was passed that merged the Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education (SBPCE) with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). The SBPCE licenses all private career schools offering certificates and diplomas, mostly non-credit, occupational credentials. ADHE authorizes private and out-of-state colleges and universities to offer programs to Arkansas students, including programs that are solely distance education. ADHE is also the state portal agency for SARA. This change effectively eliminated all SBPCE staff. Therefore, ADHE is now working on changes to procedures, rules, and regulations to make the licensing of career schools in Arkansas more manageable.

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On May 27, 2016, a change in Iowa's rules increased fees for registered schools and changed the timing of registration fee payments. This is a reminder about these significant changes.

Now, initial registration applicants are charged a \$5000 registration fee. An "initial" registration can be a first-time applicant. However, the Commission considers a school who was previously registered in Iowa but whose registration expired to be an "initial" applicant if the school wishes to subsequently apply for registration approval. A school's initial registration application cannot be approved until the \$5000 application fee is paid.

Under the new rules, a currently registered school pays the Commission a registration fee on an annual basis. However, registration fee payments no longer have any relation to registration renewal application submission or registration renewal approval dates. Instead, each currently registered school is assessed an annual fee that is due by July 15 of each year. A school that is registered by July 15 of any given year owes the fee. The Commission invoices schools via email approximately 90 days in advance of the July 15 due date.

The fee amounts are based on the school's institutional (not Iowa-based) full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment reported to IPEDS. In a case when the school is registered for distance education in Iowa and has multiple campuses, the Commission uses the FTE enrollment reported by the campus that supports the school's distance education programs. The fee range is as follows:

\$2,000: 2,499 or less FTE students
\$4,000: 2,500 to 9,999 FTE students
\$6,000: 10,000 FTE students and above

For schools that were currently registered in Iowa at the time of the May 2016 rule change, and for those who had already submitted an application of any kind before the rule change occurred, the Commission delayed enforcement of the increased fee and fee timing for the duration of the school's current or, as applicable, initial registration term. Detailed information, including examples, of how the Commission implemented this delayed enforcement can be found on the Commission's website at <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/authorization>. Due to the delayed enforcement, some registered schools received invoices for the new annual fee for the first time in April 2018; some currently registered schools will not receive their first annual fee invoice until April of 2019. By 2019, we expect all registered schools to be assessed annual fees under the new process.

Currently registered schools continue to submit registration renewal applications every two years. The May 2016 rule changes now require schools that must apply for registration renewal to submit the renewal application at least six months in advance of the registration term expiration date.

Schools with questions may contact either Postsecondary Registration Administrator Carolyn Small at carolyn.small@iowa.gov or by phone at 515 725 3413; or Compliance Officer Lisa Pundt at lisa.pundt@iowa.gov at 515 725 3426.