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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER
9 EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO
10 AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF
11 PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Transfer of the State Board of Private
27 Career Education to the Department of Higher Education.

28 (a)(1) The State Board of Private Career Education is transferred to
29 the Department of Higher Education by a type 2 transfer under § 25-2-105.

30 (2) For the purposes of this act, the Department of Higher
31 Education shall be considered a principal department established by Acts
32 1971, No. 38.

33 (b) All authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel,
34 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other
35 funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing of the State Board
36 of Private Career Education are transferred to the Department of Higher



1 Education, except as specified by this act.

2 (c) All powers, duties, and functions, including rulemaking,
 3 regulation, and licensing, promulgation of rules, rates, and standards, and
 4 the rendering of findings, orders, and adjudications of the State Board of
 5 Private Career Education are transferred to the Director of the Department of
 6 Higher Education.

7 (d) The employee and designees of the State Board of Private Career
 8 Education shall continue to be selected in the manner and serve for the terms
 9 provided by the statutes applicable to the State Plant Board except as
 10 specified in this act.

11 (e) The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall make appropriate name
 12 changes in the Arkansas Code to implement this act.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-11-119(c)(2), concerning correspondence
 15 courses, is amended to read as follows:

16 (2) However, these provisions shall not apply to those schools
 17 or educational institutions regulated by the ~~State Board of Private Career~~
 18 ~~Education~~ Department of Higher Education under § 6-51-601 et seq. or by the
 19 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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 21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-50-204 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-50-204. Institutional eligibility.

23 The institution to be attended under the loan forgiveness program must
 24 be approved by the State Board of Career Education, the Arkansas Higher
 25 Education Coordinating Board, or the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
 26 Department of Higher Education to offer training in the technical field
 27 chosen by the applicant.

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 29 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-51-604 is amended to read as follows:

30 6-51-604. Notice of possible violations – Responses – Injunctions.

31 (a) ~~Whenever~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
 32 Education or its director acting for the board, ~~the Department of Higher~~
 33 Education has probable cause to believe that a person, agent, group, or
 34 entity has committed any acts that would be in violation of this subchapter
 35 such as fraud, misrepresentation, or unethical practices, ~~the board or~~
 36 ~~director acting for the board~~ department shall first give notice in writing

1 by certified mail or in person to the agency or entity affected.

2 (b) The person, agent, or entity will have ten (10) days in which to
 3 respond to the notice of violation, unless the ~~board or the director acting~~
 4 ~~for the board~~ department deems an emergency exists, in which case the entity
 5 will have up to twenty-four (24) hours in which to respond.

6 (c)(1) If action on the part of the person, agent, or entity in
 7 response to a notice is to seek to eliminate the violation, a further
 8 extension of time may be granted by the ~~director acting for the board~~
 9 department.

10 (2) Otherwise, the ~~board~~ department may order a cease and desist
 11 of such acts after a formal hearing, or the ~~board or the director~~ department
 12 shall have the duty to request the Attorney General or district prosecuting
 13 attorney in the county where the offense was committed to seek in a court of
 14 competent jurisdiction an injunction restraining the commission of such acts.

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 16 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-51-605 is amended to read as follows:

17 6-51-605. State Board of Private Career Education.

18 (a)(1)(A) The Governor shall appoint a State Board of Private Career
 19 Education of seven (7) members who shall serve for terms of seven (7) years.

20 (B) The Governor shall make appointments or reappointments
 21 to the board to provide membership of three (3) persons associated with
 22 schools and four (4) persons from the general public.

23 (2) The Director of the Department of Higher Education and the
 24 Director of the Department of Career Education or their designees shall serve
 25 as nonvoting, ex officio members of the ~~State Board of Private Career~~
 26 ~~Education~~ board.

27 (b) The board+
 28 - ~~(1) Shall have the power to~~ may elect the necessary officers,
 29 acting by and through the ~~director~~ Director of the Department of Higher
 30 Education+.

31 (2) ~~Shall~~ In consultation with the board, the Department of
 32 Higher Education shall have the sole authority to:

33 (A) Approve all schools offering programs of study leading
 34 to or enhancing an occupational objective;

35 (B) Administer and enforce this subchapter; and

36 (C) Issue licenses to schools which have met the standards

1 set forth for the purposes of this subchapter by the ~~board~~ Department of
2 Higher Education, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ without limitation programs
3 of study, adequate facilities, financial stability, qualified personnel, and
4 legitimate operating practices.

5 (c) Upon approval by the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education, any
6 such school may issue certificates or diplomas.

7 (d) The ~~board, acting by and through the director,~~ Department of
8 Higher Education shall:

9 (1) Formulate the criteria and the standards evolved for the
10 approval of such licensed schools;

11 (2) Provide for adequate investigation of all schools applying
12 for a license;

13 (3) Issue licenses to those applicants meeting the standards
14 fixed by the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education; and

15 (4) Maintain a list of schools approved under the provisions of
16 this subchapter.

17 (e) The ~~board, acting by and through the director,~~ Department of
18 Higher Education shall formulate the standards evolved ~~thereunder~~ under this
19 subchapter for the approval of admissions representatives of such licensed
20 schools and issue licenses to those applicants meeting the standards fixed by
21 the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education.

22 (f) ~~The~~ In consultation with the board, the Department of Higher
23 Education shall promulgate standards, and rules, ~~and regulations~~ to be
24 prescribed for the administration of this subchapter and the management and
25 operation of the schools and admissions representatives, subject to the
26 provisions of this subchapter.

27 (g) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education shall participate in the
28 hearings provided to schools and admissions representatives in cases of
29 revocation or denial of licensure.

30 (h) Official meetings of the board may be called by the chair as
31 necessary, but meetings shall be held at least four (4) times a year.

32 (i) A majority of favorable votes by the board members at an official
33 meeting is required for adoption of a recommendation.

34 (j) Board members may be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with §
35 25-16-901 and stipends according to § 25-16-903.

36 (k) The board may adopt and use a seal, which may be used for the

1 authentication of the ~~acts~~ recommendations of the board.

2 (1)~~(1)~~ The board shall employ a director who reports to the board.

3 ~~(2) Provisions will be made for a retirement plan for the staff~~
4 ~~with a state contribution and board approved investment option in the same~~
5 ~~manner as is provided in § 24-7-901 et seq.~~

6 (m)(1) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education shall annually require
7 background investigations for all partners or shareholders with ten percent
8 (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when the school seeks an
9 original license.

10 (2) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education may establish a
11 schedule for periodic background checks for partners or shareholders with ten
12 percent (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when seeking renewal of
13 a school license.

14 (n)(1) The partners or shareholders shall apply to the Identification
15 Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national
16 criminal background check to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation.

18 (2) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards
19 and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

20 (3) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the
21 board and shall be responsible to the Department of Arkansas State Police for
22 the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

23 (4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the
24 Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall
25 forward to the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education all information obtained
26 concerning the person in the commission of any offense listed in § 6-51-
27 606(h)(3).

28 (5)(A) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education may issue a
29 nonrenewable temporary license pending the results of the criminal background
30 check.

31 (B) The license shall be valid for no more than six (6)
32 months.

33 (C) Upon receipt of information from the Identification
34 Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police that only one (1) of the
35 partners or shareholders of the school holding the license has been convicted
36 of any offense listed in § 6-51-606(h)(3), the ~~board~~ Department of Higher

1 Education shall revoke the license.

2 (o)(1) The provisions of § 6-51-606(h) may be waived by the ~~board~~
 3 Department of Higher Education upon the request of:

- 4 (A) An affected applicant for licensure; or
- 5 (B) The partners or shareholders of a school holding a
 6 license subject to revocation.

7 (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall
 8 include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 9 (A) The age at which the crime was committed;
- 10 (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;
- 11 (C) The length of time since the crime;
- 12 (D) Subsequent work history;
- 13 (E) Employment references;
- 14 (F) Character references; and
- 15 (G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does
 16 not pose a threat.

17 (p)(1) Any information received by the ~~board~~ Department of Higher
 18 Education from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State
 19 Police ~~pursuant to~~ under this section shall not be available for examination
 20 except by:

- 21 (A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her
 22 authorized representative; or
- 23 (B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or
 24 his or her authorized representative.

25 (2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the
 26 custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

27 (q) Any information made available to the affected applicant for
 28 licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be
 29 information pertaining to that person only.

30 (r) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this
 31 section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than the
 32 background check required by this section.

33 (s) ~~The~~ In consultation with the board, the Department of Higher
 34 Education shall adopt the necessary rules ~~and regulations~~ to fully implement
 35 the provisions of this section.

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1 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-51-606 is amended to read as follows:
2 6-51-606. School license generally.

3 (a) No persons shall operate, conduct, maintain, or offer to operate
4 in this state a school as defined in this subchapter, or solicit the
5 enrollment of students residing in the state, unless a license is first
6 secured from the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher
7 Education issued in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter and the
8 rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the ~~board~~ department in consultation
9 with the State Board of Private Career Education.

10 (b)(1) Application for a license shall be filed in the manner and upon
11 the forms prescribed and furnished by the ~~director~~ department for that
12 purpose.

13 (2) The application shall be signed by the applicant and
14 properly verified and shall contain such information as may apply to the type
15 and kind of school, satellite school, or extension course site for which a
16 license is sought.

17 (c)(1) ~~Any~~ A license issued shall be restricted to the programs of
18 study specifically indicated in the application for a license.

19 (2) The holder of a license shall present a supplementary
20 application for approval of additional programs of study.

21 (d) The license shall remain the property of the State of Arkansas and
22 shall be returned to the ~~director~~ department upon cause.

23 (e)(1) ~~If the board, acting by and through the director, department,~~
24 after evaluating the school as to kind and type, is unable to make a
25 determination regarding initial approval of a licensure application within
26 sixty (60) days of receipt of the application and required documentation, it
27 shall issue a temporary license valid for a period of not more than six (6)
28 months, pending an investigation.

29 (2) If the investigation of the school under subdivision (e)(1)
30 of this section does not reveal anything justifying revoking or denying
31 reissue of the temporary license, a license will be issued that will continue
32 in force until the time of such expiration as a regular license.

33 (f) After a license is issued to any school by the ~~board~~ department on
34 the basis of its application, it shall be the responsibility of the school to
35 notify immediately the ~~board~~ department of any changes in the ownership,
36 administration, location, faculty, or programs of study on the forms and in

1 the manner prescribed by the ~~board~~ department.

2 (g) In the event of the sale of such school, the license granted to
3 the original owner or operators shall not be transferable to the new
4 ownership or operators, but application for a new license must be made and
5 approved ~~prior to~~ before the new ownership's taking over operation of the
6 school.

7 (h) The ~~board~~ department shall have the power to deny issuing a new or
8 renewal license, to revoke an existing license, or to place a licensee on
9 probation, if in its discretion it determines that:

10 (1) The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this
11 subchapter or any of the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the ~~board~~ department;

12 (2) The applicant or licensee has knowingly presented to the
13 ~~board~~ department incomplete or misleading information relating to licensure;

14 (3) The applicant or licensee has pleaded guilty, entered a plea
15 of nolo contendere, or has been found guilty in a criminal proceeding,
16 regardless of whether or not the adjudication of guilt or sentence is
17 withheld, deferred, or suspended by a court of this state, another state, or
18 the federal government, of:

19 (A) Any felony; or

20 (B) Any act involving moral turpitude, gross immorality,
21 or which is related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a
22 licensee;

23 (4) The applicant or licensee has intentionally failed or
24 refused to permit the ~~board~~ department or its representatives to inspect the
25 school or classes or has intentionally failed or refused to make available to
26 the ~~board~~ department, at any time when requested to do so, full information
27 pertaining to any or all items of information contained in an application for
28 license or pertaining to the operation of the school;

29 (5) The applicant has failed or refused to submit to the ~~board~~
30 department an application for license or renewal in the manner and on the
31 forms prescribed;

32 (6) A licensed admissions representative has failed or refused
33 to display or produce his or her license when requested to do so by
34 prospective students or designated officials of the ~~board~~ department;

35 (7) The applicant or licensee has failed to provide or maintain
36 premises, equipment, materials, supplies, or conditions in accordance with

1 minimum standards as established by rules ~~and regulations~~;

2 (8) The licensee has been found by the ~~board~~ department or a
3 court of law to have perpetrated fraud or deceit in advertising of the school
4 or programs of study or in presenting to prospective students information
5 relating to the school, programs of study, employment opportunities, or
6 opportunities for enrollment in institutions of higher education;

7 (9) The licensee has in its employ admissions representatives
8 who have not been licensed but are actively engaged in the practice of
9 attempting to enroll students;

10 (10) The licensee has failed to provide and maintain standards
11 of instruction or qualified administrative, supervisory, or instructional
12 staff as established by rules ~~and regulations~~;

13 (11) The applicant or licensee is unable to provide and maintain
14 financial resources in sufficient amount to equip and maintain the school or
15 classes;

16 (12) The licensee has moved the school into new premises or
17 facilities without first notifying the ~~director~~ department;

18 (13) The licensee has offered training or instruction in
19 programs of study which have not been approved and authorized in accordance
20 with rules ~~and regulations~~;

21 (14) A licensed admissions representative has solicited
22 prospective students to enroll in a school which has not been licensed by the
23 ~~board~~ department or which is not listed on his or her license;

24 (15) There was a change in the ownership of the school without
25 proper notification to and approval from the ~~board~~ department;

26 (16) The licensee has failed to notify the ~~director~~ department
27 or to provide written documentation as to the cause that the license of a
28 school has been suspended or revoked or the school has been placed on
29 probation or a show cause issued in another state or by another regulatory
30 agency;

31 (17) The licensee has failed to notify the ~~director~~ department
32 of legal actions initiated by or against the school; or

33 (18) The licensee fails to make tuition refunds to the students
34 or their lenders in compliance with current ~~regulations~~ rules.

35 (i) The ~~board~~ department shall have the power to revoke a license if
36 in its discretion it determines that:

1 (1) The licensee has failed to cure a deficiency leading to a
 2 license probation within the time as may be reasonably prescribed by the
 3 ~~board~~ department;

4 (2) The licensee while on probation has been found by the ~~board~~
 5 department to have incurred an additional infraction of this subchapter; or

6 (3) The licensee has closed a school without first having
 7 completed the training of all students currently enrolled or having made
 8 tuition refunds to students or their lenders.

9 (j) The ~~board~~ department may impose sanctions ~~pursuant to~~ under § 25-
 10 15-217.

11 (k)(1) Unless directed to do so by court order, the ~~board~~ department
 12 shall not, for a period of five (5) years following revocation, reinstate the
 13 license of a school or allow an owner of any such school to seek licensure of
 14 another school.

15 (2) Upon expiration of licensure status, the school must apply
 16 for an original license in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

17 (1)(1) Upon closure of a school located in Arkansas and licensed under
 18 any provision of this subchapter, whether for license revocation or any other
 19 cause, all student financial aid records for the previous three (3) years and
 20 all student transcripts regardless of age must be delivered to the ~~director~~
 21 department.

22 (2) Delivered records shall be arranged in alphabetical order
 23 and stored in boxes or in data format at the discretion of the ~~board~~
 24 department.

25 (3) The ~~director~~ department shall be responsible for the proper
 26 security, storage, and maintenance of all such records.

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 28 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-51-607 is amended to read as follows:

29 6-51-607. Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund.

30 (a)(1) Each school licensed under this subchapter shall pay annually a
 31 fee to be set by the Department of Higher Education in consultation with the
 32 State Board of Private Career Education.

33 (2) The fee shall be set at ~~such the~~ the amount as the ~~board~~
 34 department deems necessary to establish the Private Career School Student
 35 Protection Trust Fund and to maintain the Private Career School Student
 36 Protection Trust Fund as necessary.

1 (3) For a renewing school, the fee shall be based on the
2 enrollment of Arkansas residents in the preceding twelve (12) months of July
3 1 through June 30.

4 (4)(A) For an original license, the fee shall be a percentage as
5 determined by the ~~board~~ department of the sum of the tuitions for each
6 program offered.

7 (B) Additionally, during the first twelve (12) months of
8 licensure, the same percentage shall be paid to the Private Career School
9 Student Protection Trust Fund on additional new programs of study.

10 (b) The fee will be deposited in a trust fund in the State Treasury to
11 be called the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund.

12 (c)(1) The fee will not be levied if, on May 30 of any year, the
13 balance of the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund exceeds
14 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

15 (2)(A) However, regardless of the balance in the Private Career
16 School Student Protection Trust Fund, a fee, as set by the ~~board~~ department,
17 will be assessed newly licensed schools.

18 (B) Newly licensed schools will pay for a number of years
19 equal to the number of years paid by schools licensed on September 1, 1989.

20 (d)(1) The assets of the Private Career School Student Protection
21 Trust Fund may be invested and reinvested as the ~~board~~ department may
22 determine.

23 (2) Any interest income or dividends from the investment of the
24 fund shall be credited to the Private Career School Student Protection Trust
25 Fund.

26 (e) ~~With the approval of the board, the Director of the State Board of~~
27 ~~Private Career Education~~ The department may use any amounts in the Private
28 Career School Student Protection Trust Fund, including accumulated interest,
29 to:

30 (1) Pay claims filed by students not to exceed a total of one
31 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for all students of the school when a
32 school becomes insolvent or ceases to operate without offering a complete
33 program of study;

34 (2) Pay expenses incurred by a school not to exceed a total of
35 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) that are directly related to
36 educating a student placed in the school under this subchapter, including the

1 applicable tuition for the period of time for which the student has paid
2 tuition;

3 (3) Pay expenses directly associated with the storage and
4 maintenance of academic and financial aid records of those students adversely
5 affected by school closings; and

6 (4)(A) Pay administrative costs due to school closings,
7 including without limitation:

8 (i) Travel expenses; and

9 (ii) The employment of temporary personnel to assist
10 with transport and organization of student records.

11 (B) Provided further, that reimbursement for the expenses
12 incurred in subdivision (e)(4)(A) of this section shall not exceed five
13 thousand dollars (\$5,000) per school closing.

14 (f) Any amounts in the fund above the required five hundred thousand
15 dollars (\$500,000) may be used with the approval of the ~~board~~ Director of the
16 Department of Higher Education to:

17 (1) Fund educational seminars and other forms of educational
18 projects for the use and benefit of licensed school administrators, faculty,
19 staff, or admissions representatives;

20 (2) Provide for travel expenses and registration fees to send
21 staff or board members to accrediting meetings, seminars, or meetings
22 relating to the school sector; or

23 (3) Provide staff assistance.

24 (g)(1) If a school closes, the ~~director~~ department shall attempt to
25 place each student of the school in another school.

26 (2) If the student cannot be placed in another school, the
27 student's tuition for which education has not been received may be refunded
28 on a prorated basis in the manner prescribed by the ~~board~~ department.

29 (3) If another school assumes responsibility for the closed
30 school's students with no significant changes in the quality of training, a
31 student is not entitled to a refund under this section.

32 (4) Attorneys' fees, court costs, or damages may not be paid
33 from the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund.

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35 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-51-608 is amended to read as follows:
36 6-51-608. Extension course sites and satellite schools – Additional

1 school license.

2 (a)(1) Any school licensed under this subchapter shall make
 3 application to the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of
 4 Higher Education to offer a course or courses at an extension course site or
 5 satellite school.

6 (2) The school shall submit a separate additional license fee
 7 with the licensure application for each extension course site or satellite
 8 school.

9 (3) The courses, facilities, faculty, and all other operations
 10 of the extension course site or satellite school must meet minimum standards
 11 as established by rules ~~and regulations~~.

12 (b) The school will be assessed a fee as set by the ~~board~~ department
 13 to be deposited in the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund.
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15 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-51-609 is amended to read as follows:
 16 6-51-609. Admissions representative's license – Generally.

17 (a)~~(1)~~ ~~No~~ A person representing a resident, distance education, or
 18 combination school shall not solicit or sell in Arkansas any program of study
 19 for consideration or remuneration unless the admissions representative first
 20 secures a license from the ~~Director of the State Board of Private Career~~
 21 ~~Education~~ Department of Higher Education.

22 ~~(2) A license issued by the director shall be subject to~~
 23 ~~ratification by the State Board of Private Career Education.~~

24 (b)(1) The license shall be on a form of such size as to be displayed
 25 for examination by each prospective student contacted by the admissions
 26 representative for enrollment or recruitment purposes.

27 (2) The license shall bear a recent photograph of the admissions
 28 representative, the admissions representative's name, the name and address of
 29 the licensed school to be represented, and the valid period of the admissions
 30 representative's license which will indicate the expiration date.

31 (c)(1) An admissions representative's license shall be automatically
 32 cancelled when the license of the school represented by the admissions
 33 representative is suspended or revoked for any reason, or the school closes.

34 (2)(A) The license shall be endorsed by the ~~chair of the board~~
 35 Director of the Department of Higher Education.

36 (B) The license shall remain the property of the State of

1 Arkansas and shall be returned to the ~~director~~ Department of Higher Education
 2 upon cause.

3 (d) An applicant for an admissions representative's license must:

4 (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

5 (2) Be a high school graduate or hold a graduate equivalent
 6 degree;

7 (3) Not have been convicted in any jurisdiction of a felony,
 8 theft of property, or a crime involving an act of violence for which a pardon
 9 has not been granted;

10 (4) Be a citizen of the United States;

11 (5) Not have been discharged from the ~~armed services of the~~
 12 United States Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions; and

13 (6) Be in compliance with any other reasonable qualifications
 14 that the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education may fix by rule.

15 (e)(1) An applicant for an admissions representative's license shall
 16 apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police
 17 for a state and national criminal background check to be conducted by the
 18 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

19 (2) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards
 20 and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

21 (3) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the
 22 ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education and shall be responsible to the
 23 Department of Arkansas State Police for the payment of any fee associated
 24 with the criminal background check.

25 (4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the
 26 Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall
 27 forward all information obtained concerning the person in the commission of
 28 any felony, Class A misdemeanor, or a crime involving an act of violence for
 29 which a pardon has not been granted.

30 (f)(1)(A) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education may issue a
 31 nonrenewable temporary license pending the results of the criminal background
 32 check.

33 (B) The temporary license shall be valid for no more than
 34 six (6) months.

35 (2) Upon receipt of information from the Identification Bureau
 36 of the Department of Arkansas State Police that the person holding the

1 temporary license has been convicted of a felony, Class A misdemeanor, or a
 2 crime involving an act of violence for which a pardon has not been granted,
 3 the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education shall immediately revoke the
 4 temporary license.

5 (g)(1) The provisions of subdivision (d)(3) of this section may be
 6 waived by the ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education upon the request of:

- 7 (A) An affected applicant for licensure; or
- 8 (B) The person holding a license subject to revocation.

9 (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall
 10 include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 11 (A) The age at which the crime was committed;
- 12 (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;
- 13 (C) The length of time since the crime;
- 14 (D) Subsequent work history;
- 15 (E) Employment references;
- 16 (F) Character references; and
- 17 (G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does

18 not pose a threat.

19 (h)(1) Any information received by the ~~board~~ Department of Higher
 20 Education from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State
 21 Police ~~pursuant to~~ under this section shall not be available for examination
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- 23 (A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her
 24 authorized representative; or
- 25 (B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or
 26 his or her authorized representative.

27 (2) ~~No~~ A record, file, or document shall not be removed from the
 28 custody of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

29 (i) Any information made available to the affected applicant for
 30 licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be
 31 information pertaining to that person only.

32 (j) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this
 33 section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than the
 34 background check required by this section.

35 (k) ~~The board~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
 36 Education, the Department of Higher Education shall adopt the necessary rules

1 ~~and regulations~~ to fully implement the provisions of this section.

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3 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-51-610 is amended to read as follows:

4 6-51-610. Fees.

5 (a) ~~The~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
6 Education, the Department of Higher Education shall set fees for schools and
7 admissions representatives.

8 (b) The fees collected under this subchapter, except fees collected
9 for the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund, shall be
10 deposited in the State Treasury as special revenues credited to the Private
11 Career Education Fund.

12 (c) ~~No~~ A license fee shall not be refunded in the event of a school or
13 an admissions representative's license suspension, revocation, denial, or
14 request for withdrawal of an application by a school.

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16 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 6-51-611 is amended to read as follows:

17 6-51-611. License renewal.

18 (a) Licenses shall be renewable annually.

19 (b) The licensing period shall be determined by the ~~State Board of~~
20 ~~Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education.

21 (c)(1) Application for renewal of a school license is to be provided
22 in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~board~~ department.

23 (2) The school and its programs of study, facilities, faculty,
24 and all other operations must meet the minimum standards as established by
25 rules ~~and regulations~~.

26 (d) An application for renewal of an admissions representative's
27 license shall be made on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the ~~board~~
28 department.

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30 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-51-614 is amended to read as follows:

31 6-51-614. Denial, probation, or revocation of school license – Review.

32 (a) ~~The State Board of Private Career Education, acting by and through~~
33 ~~the director,~~ Department of Higher Education shall have the authority to
34 refuse to issue a school license, to place on probation, or to revoke a
35 school license theretofore issued.

36 (b) Any school dissatisfied with the decision to refuse to license, to

1 revoke, or to suspend a license may seek judicial review, provided the school
 2 files notice of appeal in Pulaski County Circuit Court within fifteen (15)
 3 calendar days immediately following the date of notification of this action
 4 by the ~~director~~ department.

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 6 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-51-615 is amended to read as follows:

7 6-51-615. Denial or suspension of admissions representative's license –
 8 Review – Penalty.

9 (a) ~~No~~ A person shall not be granted an admissions representative's
 10 license if, upon investigation, the applicant is found not to meet the
 11 requirements for an admissions representative under this subchapter.

12 (b) The Director of the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
 13 Department of Higher Education, upon receipt of information considered
 14 dependable which indicates fraud, misrepresentation, or unethical practices
 15 on the part of an applicant, may deny issuance of a license applied for or
 16 may suspend immediately a license already issued pending a review by the
 17 ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education.

18 (c) Any applicant dissatisfied with the decision to refuse, suspend,
 19 or revoke a license may seek judicial review, provided the applicant files
 20 notice of appeal in Pulaski County Circuit Court within fifteen (15) calendar
 21 days immediately following the date of notification of action by the
 22 director.

23 (d) Any person violating the provisions of this subchapter shall be
 24 guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

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 26 SECTION 14. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 6-51-616(a),
 27 concerning the student grievance procedure, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) Any student may file a written complaint with the ~~director~~
 29 Department of Higher Education on the forms prescribed and furnished by the
 30 ~~director~~ department for that purpose if the student has reason to believe he
 31 or she is suffering loss or damage resulting from:

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 33 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-51-617(b)(1), concerning the Private
 34 Career Education Arbitration Panel, is amended to read as follows:

35 (b)(1) ~~The~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
 36 Education, the Director of the Department of Higher Education shall appoint

1 the arbitration panel, which shall be composed of three (3) members. One (1)
2 member shall be from the school sector, and two (2) members shall be from the
3 general public.

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5 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-51-618 is amended to read as follows:
6 6-51-618. Fines.

7 (a) Whenever the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of
8 Higher Education finds that a school is guilty of a violation of this
9 subchapter or the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the ~~board~~ department, it shall
10 have the power and authority to impose a penalty on the school.

11 (b) Prior to the imposition of any penalty, the ~~board~~ department shall
12 hold an investigation and hearing after notice to the school.

13 (c)(1) Upon imposition of a penalty, the ~~board~~ department shall have
14 the power and authority to require that the school pay a penalty to the ~~board~~
15 department with regard to the violation, with the sanction that the license
16 may be suspended until the penalty is paid.

17 (2) No penalty imposed by the ~~board~~ department may exceed five
18 hundred dollars (\$500) per violation.

19 (d) Any school dissatisfied with the penalties imposed may seek
20 judicial review, provided the school files notice of appeal in Pulaski County
21 Circuit Court within fifteen (15) calendar days immediately following the
22 date of notification of this action by the ~~director~~ Director of the
23 Department of Higher Education.

24 (e) The power and authority of the ~~board~~ department to impose these
25 penalties shall not be affected by any other civil or criminal proceeding
26 concerning the same violation.

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28 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-51-619 is amended to read as follows:
29 6-51-619. Subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum.

30 (a) The ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher
31 Education shall have the power to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum
32 in connection with both its investigations and hearings.

33 (b) A subpoena duces tecum may require any book, writing, document, or
34 other paper or thing which is germane to an investigation or hearing
35 conducted by the ~~board~~ department.

36 (c)(1) Service of a subpoena shall be as provided by law for the

1 service of subpoenas in civil cases in the circuit courts of this state, and
 2 the fees and mileage of officers serving the subpoenas and of witnesses
 3 appearing in answer to the subpoenas shall be the same as provided by law for
 4 proceedings in civil cases in the circuit courts of this state.

5 (2)(A) The ~~board~~ department shall issue a subpoena or subpoena
 6 duces tecum upon the request of any party to a hearing before the ~~board~~
 7 department.

8 (B) The fees and mileage of the officers serving the
 9 subpoena and of the witness shall be paid by the party at whose request a
 10 witness is subpoenaed.

11 (d)(1) In the event a person shall have been served with a subpoena or
 12 subpoena duces tecum as provided in this section and fails to comply
 13 therewith, the ~~board~~ department may apply to the circuit court of the county
 14 in which the ~~board~~ department is conducting its investigation or hearing for
 15 an order causing the arrest of the person and directing that the person be
 16 brought before the court.

17 (2) The court shall have the power to punish the disobedient
 18 person for contempt as provided by law in the trial of civil cases in the
 19 circuit courts of this state.

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 21 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-51-620 is amended to read as follows:
 22 6-51-620. Bond.

23 (a)(1) Each school licensed under this subchapter shall maintain a
 24 surety bond during its licensure.

25 (2) The surety bond shall be submitted to the ~~State Board of~~
 26 ~~Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education on or before the
 27 expiration date of the bond.

28 (3) The bond shall be for the period during which the license is
 29 issued.

30 (4)(A) The surety bond shall be conditioned to provide
 31 indemnification to any student or enrollee who suffers loss or damage as a
 32 result of:

33 (i) A violation of a provision of this subchapter or
 34 any rule ~~or regulation~~ of this ~~board~~ the department by the school or its
 35 officers, admissions representatives, or employees;

36 (ii) The failure or neglect of the school to

1 faithfully perform all agreements, express or otherwise, with the student,
2 enrollee, one (1) or both of the parents of the student or enrollee, or a
3 guardian of the student or enrollee, as represented by the application for
4 licensure and the materials submitted in support of that application; or

5 (iii) An admissions representative's
6 misrepresentation in procuring the student's enrollment.

7 (B)(i) A surety on that bond may be released after the
8 surety has made a written notice of at least thirty (30) days before the
9 release.

10 (ii) However, a surety may not be released from the
11 bond unless all sureties on the bond are released.

12 (C)(i) The license shall be suspended when that school is
13 no longer covered by a surety bond meeting the required amount.

14 (ii) The ~~board~~ department shall notify the school in
15 writing at least ten (10) days prior to release of the surety or sureties
16 that the license is suspended until another surety bond is filed in the
17 manner and amount required under this chapter.

18 (5)(A) The bond shall be based on gross tuition, meaning the
19 total amount collected by a school during the most recently completed twelve-
20 month fiscal year, reduced only by the amount of refunds paid during the
21 fiscal year, for tuition, application fees, registration fees, and those
22 other fees deemed appropriate by rule ~~and regulation~~ of the ~~board~~ department;

23 (B) Provided, however, that, for a school located outside
24 of this state which is authorized to recruit in this state, "gross tuition"
25 means only the amount of such tuition and fees collected from residents of
26 this state.

27 (6) The ~~board~~ department shall determine the sum of each surety
28 bond based upon the following guidelines:

29 (A) Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(6)(B) and (C)
30 of this section, a school shall procure and maintain a bond equal to ten
31 percent (10%) of the gross tuition with a minimum bond amount of five
32 thousand dollars (\$5,000) with the maximum bond amount to be determined by
33 the ~~board~~ department.

34 (B) Schools that have no gross tuition charges assessed
35 for the previous year shall secure and maintain a surety bond in the amount
36 of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

1 (C) Schools that have a total cost per program of three
 2 thousand dollars (\$3,000) or less shall not be required to have a bond.

3 (7)(A) The bond shall be a surety bond issued by a company
 4 authorized to do business in this state.

5 (B) The bond shall be to the state to be used for payment
 6 of a tuition refund due to a student or potential student.

7 (b) A surety bond is not required for licensees approved by the ~~board~~
 8 department on April 10, 1995, and that maintain continuous licensure.

9 (c) ~~No~~ A right of action shall not accrue on the surety bond to or for
 10 the use of any person or entity other than the obligee named in the bond or
 11 the heirs, executors, administrators, or successors of the obligee.

12
 13 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 6-51-622(d), concerning noncommercial
 14 driver training instruction, is amended to read as follows:

15 (d)(1) ~~The~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
 16 Education, the Department of Higher Education may promulgate reasonable rules
 17 ~~and regulations~~ to implement, enforce, and administer this section.

18 (2) ~~The board's regulations~~ rules of the department shall be
 19 issued in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-
 20 201 et seq.

21
 22 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 6-51-623 is amended to read as follows:
 23 6-51-623. Defensive driving instruction.

24 A person shall not be required to obtain a license from the ~~State Board~~
 25 ~~of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education as a requirement
 26 for teaching or providing a course in defensive driving under a court-
 27 mandated defensive driving class.

28
 29 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 6-61-301(a)(3), concerning incorporation
 30 of postsecondary educational institutions, is amended to read as follows:

31 (3) Nonpublic, not-for-profit colleges and universities
 32 currently incorporated, recognized by the Arkansas Higher Education
 33 Coordinating Board as Arkansas independent institutions of higher education,
 34 and operating under the applicable laws of this state shall not be required
 35 to receive certification from the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
 36 Board or to receive licensure from the ~~Arkansas State Board of Private Career~~

1 ~~Education~~ Department of Higher Education under § 6-51-601 et seq.

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3 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 17-19-402(a)(1), concerning the
4 establishment of an educational program for bail bondsmen, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (a)(1) The Arkansas Professional Bail Association on an annual basis
7 shall solicit proposals from education provider applicants that are approved
8 by the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education
9 as education providers, and the Arkansas Professional Bail Association will
10 submit the approved providers to the Professional Bail Bond Company and
11 Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board for final approval.

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13 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 17-42-103(5), concerning definitions used
14 throughout real estate license law, is amended to read as follows:

15 (5) "Continuing education" means postlicensure education derived
16 from participation in courses in real estate-related subjects that have been
17 approved by the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher
18 Education or that are not required to be approved by the ~~board~~ department;

19
20 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 19-5-960 is amended to read as follows:

21 19-5-960. Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund.

22 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
23 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be
24 known as the "Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund".

25 (b) The fund shall consist of a fee to be set by the Department of
26 Higher Education in consultation with the State Board of Private Career
27 Education as provided in § 6-51-607, there to be used for paying claims and
28 other expenses as set out in § 6-51-607.

29
30 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 19-6-462 is amended to read as follows:

31 19-6-462. Private Career Education Fund.

32 The Private Career Education Fund shall consist of those special
33 revenues as specified in § 19-6-301(24), there to be used for the maintenance
34 and operations of the Department of Higher Education concerning the State
35 Board of Private Career Education in carrying out the functions, powers, and
36 duties as set out in § 6-51-601 et seq.

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2 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 20-27-1501(3)(D), concerning definitions
3 related to body piercing, branding, and tattooing, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (D) Is a registered instructor for the specified field of
6 body art with the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of
7 Higher Education;

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9 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 20-27-1503 is amended to read as follows:
10 20-27-1503. Department of Health to license, regulate, and
11 inspect for health hazards.

12 (a)(1) Body art establishments which and artists who perform body art
13 shall be licensed by the Department of Health.

14 (2) A body art training facility shall be licensed by the
15 ~~department~~ Department of Health as an establishment and by the ~~State Board of~~
16 ~~Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education as an approved body
17 art training facility.

18 (3) An artist from a state other than Arkansas or a country
19 outside of the United States who holds a license from the body art regulatory
20 board or agency in that state or country may submit an application for
21 qualifications review by the ~~department~~ Department of Health to determine
22 eligibility for a body art license based upon criteria established by the
23 ~~department~~ Department of Health.

24 (4) The business premises, equipment, procedures, techniques,
25 and conditions of those businesses shall be subject to at least one (1)
26 inspection by the ~~department~~ Department of Health per year.

27 (b)(1) The ~~department~~ Department of Health may adopt appropriate rules
28 regarding the artists, premises, equipment, procedures, techniques, and
29 conditions of establishments which perform procedures subject to this
30 subchapter to assure that the premises, equipment, procedures, techniques,
31 and conditions are aseptic and do not constitute a health hazard.

32 (2) Any rule affecting body art establishments in effect on
33 August 13, 2013, shall remain in effect until the State Board of Health
34 adopts rules ~~pursuant to~~ under this subchapter.

35 (c) Applicants for a license shall file applications upon forms
36 prescribed by the ~~department~~ Department of Health.

1 (d) A license shall be issued only for the premises and persons in the
2 application and shall not be transferable.

3 (e)(1)(A) The ~~department~~ Department of Health shall levy and collect
4 an annual fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per facility for issuance
5 of a license to an establishment that performs body art.

6 (B) The ~~department~~ Department of Health shall levy and
7 collect an annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) per artist for issuance
8 of a license to an artist who performs body art.

9 (2)(A) The ~~department~~ Department of Health shall collect a one-
10 time fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per artist licensed in a state other
11 than Arkansas or a country other than the United States who applies for
12 qualifications review by the ~~department~~ Department of Health.

13 (B) The fee for written and practical exams under § 20-27-
14 1508 is not required for an applicant under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this
15 section for exams taken to complete requirements established by the
16 ~~department~~ Department of Health.

17 (C) Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements by
18 the applicant and approval of qualifications established by the ~~department~~
19 Department of Health, a body artist license shall be issued to an applicant
20 under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

21 (D) The ~~department~~ Department of Health shall collect the
22 annual artist fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) after the issuance of a
23 license under subdivision (e)(2)(C) of this section.

24 (3) The annual fee for an artist or for an establishment shall
25 be based upon the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, with fees for
26 any given year due by December 31 of the previous year.

27 (4) If the annual fee for a licensed establishment has not been
28 paid by March 1 of the calendar year, the establishment shall be closed until
29 a new license has been issued by the ~~department~~ Department of Health and the
30 annual fee has been paid.

31 (5)(A) If the annual fee for a licensed artist has not been paid
32 by March 1 of the calendar year, the artist shall have his or her license
33 suspended for ninety (90) days.

34 (B) If an artist has his or her license suspended, he or
35 she shall before a license may be reissued within ninety (90) days after the
36 suspension:

1 (i) Pay a reinstatement fee of one hundred dollars
 2 (\$100) and pay all overdue licensing fees;

3 (ii) Complete a written exam with the ~~department~~
 4 Department of Health and a practical exam in the studio in which the artist
 5 is licensed; and

6 (iii) Meet current requirements established by the
 7 ~~department~~ Department of Health for artists.

8 (C) If an artist whose license is suspended has not met
 9 the requirements under subdivision (e)(5)(B) within ninety (90) days after
 10 the suspension, the artist may apply for qualification review.

11 (6) In addition to the penalty provisions found in this
 12 subsection, any studio or business owner operating without a current license
 13 commits a Class D felony.

14 (f) All fees levied and collected under this subchapter are declared
 15 to be special revenues and shall be deposited into the State Treasury, there
 16 to be credited to the Public Health Fund to be used exclusively for the Body
 17 Art Program of the department.

18 (g) Subject to any rules as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal
 19 Officer of the State, the disbursing officer for the ~~department~~ Department of
 20 Health may transfer all unexpended funds relative to the health facility
 21 services that pertain to fees collected under this subchapter, as certified
 22 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be carried forward and made
 23 available for expenditures for the same purpose for any following fiscal
 24 year.

25
 26 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 20-27-1507 is amended to read as follows:
 27 20-27-1507. Education of artist in training.

28 (a) An artist trainer shall be a registered instructor in a school
 29 licensed by the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher
 30 Education under § 6-51-601 et seq.

31 (b) ~~The board~~ In consultation with the State Board of Private Career
 32 Education, the Department of Higher Education shall develop standards to
 33 determine:

34 (1) The maximum number of artists in training in a training
 35 facility at one time; and

36 (2) The length of the program in hours and across a range of

1 months.

2 (c)(1)(A) During the artist training in the fields of tattoo, body
 3 piercing, or permanent cosmetics, each artist in training shall complete not
 4 less than three hundred seventy-five (375) clock hours of supervised body art
 5 work and classroom instruction in a period not less than six (6) months or
 6 more than twenty-four (24) months in an establishment licensed under § 20-27-
 7 1503 and § 6-51-601 et seq.

8 (B) During the artist training in the field of branding,
 9 each artist in training shall complete not less than three hundred seventy-
 10 five (375) clock hours of supervised body art work and classroom instruction
 11 in a period not less than six (6) months or more than twenty-four (24) months
 12 in an establishment licensed under § 20-27-1503 and § 6-51-601 et seq.

13 (C) Additional fields of body art training may be added by
 14 completing not less than two hundred fifty (250) clock hours of technical and
 15 procedural training in each of the other fields of body art in which an
 16 artist in training is to be licensed.

17 (D) An artist in training studying multiple fields of body
 18 art at the same time shall complete the total clock hours of all fields in
 19 not less than twelve (12) months or more than twenty-four (24) months.

20 (2)(A) The artist trainer shall maintain a training log of the
 21 clock hours completed by the artist in training on forms approved by the
 22 ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Department of Higher Education.

23 (B) The training log shall include without limitation a
 24 record of:

- 25 (i) Hours of both theory and practical education;
- 26 (ii) The procedures observed and completed; and
- 27 (iii) A list of resources used for training.

28 (C) The artist in training shall keep available for
 29 inspection a bound record book that is separate from the record book of
 30 another artist or artist in training.

31 (D) The completed training log shall be submitted to the
 32 Department of Health at the time of the practical examination under § 20-27-
 33 1508.

34 (d) An artist trainer may offer training only in the area in which the
 35 artist trainer holds a current license from the ~~department~~ Department of
 36 Health.

1 (e) The ~~board~~ Department of Higher Education shall adopt a minimum
 2 curriculum for each area of body art training that shall be followed by all
 3 artist trainers, artists in training, and body art training facilities.
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5 SECTION 29. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act will create more
 7 efficient regulation of private career education; and that this act is
 8 immediately necessary to provide Arkansas citizens seeking private career
 9 education the consumer protection services they need. Therefore, an
 10 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
 11 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
 12 effective on:

13 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

14 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 15 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 16 bill; or

17 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 18 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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