NONINCORPORATED PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Act 142 of 1964

AN ACT to authorize the state department of education to provide minimum requirements for nonincorporated privately operated institutions which purport to offer degrees, diplomas or certificates based on education beyond high school, or education for transfer to institutions of higher learning.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

390.771 Nonincorporated private educational institutions; standards; exemptions.
Sec. 1. The state department of education may approve or disapprove educational programs, which are post high school in nature designed for transfer of credit, which purport to lead to diplomas, certificates or degrees, in terms of minimum standards which the department may establish with regard to (a) housing space and administrative facilities; (b) educational programs leading to such diplomas, certificates or degrees; (c) laboratory, library and teaching facilities; and (d) instructional staff, for any privately operated institution not incorporated under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being sections 450.1 to 450.192 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, when such an institution is operated by a person, group of persons, partnership, partnership association, limited partnership association, or any other form of association. The department may establish minimum general requirements for any degree, diploma or certificate to be offered by such an institution. Nonincorporated, privately operated institutions organized to offer post high school programs for students who will transfer to institutions of higher learning shall be within the jurisdiction of the department of education for purposes of this act. Schools licensed by other agencies, boards or commissions, which review the curriculum prior to the issuance or renewal of a license, shall be exempt from the provisions of this act.


Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties regarding non-incorporated privately operated post-secondary institutions from Michigan strategic fund to department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2012-4, compiled at MCL 125.1994.

For the transfer of powers and duties of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to the department of labor and economic opportunity, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.

390.771a Act inapplicable to religious college.
Sec. 1a. This act does not apply to a religious college described in section 184a of 1931 PA 327, MCL 450.184a.


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390.772 Failure to meet standards; resulting courses of action.
Sec. 2. If such an educational institution fails to meet minimum standards specified by the state department of education, the department may enjoin the institution to meet the requirements within a specified period of time. If the institution fails to do so, the department may take such legal action as it deems necessary to cause the owners or administrators of the institution to refrain from offering any part or all of such educational programs which the department shall have found to be inadequate. It is the intent of this act that such educational institutions shall meet minimum standards equivalent to those for institutions incorporated under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended.


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