

act. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Section 356.18, increases in pensions pursuant to this section shall be made automatically, unless the recipient files written notice with the association requesting that the increase not be made.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon approval by the Eveleth city council and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 17, 1975.

CHAPTER 201—H.F.No.1506

[Coded]

An act relating to education; higher education coordinating commission; providing procedure for registration and approval of private post-secondary institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [136A.61] **EDUCATION; HIGHER EDUCATION; PRIVATE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS; POLICY.** The legislature has found and hereby declares that the availability of legitimate courses and programs leading to academic degrees offered by responsible private institutions of post-secondary education and the existence of legitimate private colleges and universities are in the best interests of the people of this state. The legislature has found and declares that the state can provide assistance and protection for persons choosing private institutions and programs, by establishing policies and procedures to assure the authenticity and legitimacy of private post-secondary education institutions and programs.

Sec. 2. [136A.62] **DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **WORDS, TERMS, AND PHRASES.** The following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section for the purposes of sections 1 to 11.

Subd. 2. **COMMISSION.** "Commission" means the Minnesota higher education coordinating commission.

Subd. 3. **SCHOOL.** "School" means any individual, partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, corporation, or any combination thereof, which (a) is, owns, or operates a private, nonprofit post-secondary education institution, (b) provides a post-secondary instructional program or course leading to a degree whether or not for profit, or (c) uses the term "college", "academy", "institute" or "university" in its name.

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Subd. 4. **DEGREE.** "Degree" means any award given by a school for completion of a program or course which is designated by the term degree, associate, bachelor, baccalaureate, masters, or doctorate, or any other award which the commission shall include by regulation.

Subd. 5. **RECORDS.** "Records" means those school documents and files containing student data relating to academic credits, grades, degrees awarded, periods of attendance, and such other matters as the commission shall determine by regulation.

Sec. 3. **[136A.63] REGISTRATION.** All schools located within Minnesota shall register annually with the commission. The commission shall have the authority to require those schools located outside Minnesota which offer programs or courses within Minnesota to register annually.

Sec. 4. **[136A.64] INFORMATION.** As a basis for registration, schools shall provide the commission with such information as the commission needs to determine the nature and activities of the school, including but not limited to, requirements for admission, enrollments, tuition charge, refund policies, curriculum, degrees granted, and faculty employed. The commission shall have the authority to verify the accuracy of the information submitted to it by inspection or any other means it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. **[136A.65] APPROVAL OF DEGREES AND NAME.** No school subject to registration shall grant a degree unless such degree is approved by the commission, nor shall any school subject to registration use the name "college", "academy", "institute" or "university" in its name without approval by the commission. The commission shall establish procedures for approval, including notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 15 if such approval is not granted. If a hearing is requested, no disapproval shall take effect until after such hearing.

Sec. 6. **[136A.66] LIST.** The commission shall maintain a list of schools authorized to grant degrees and schools authorized to use the name "college", "academy", "institute" or "university", and shall make such list available to the public.

Sec. 7. **[136A.67] UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIONS.** No school and none of its officials or employees shall advertise or represent in any manner that such school is approved or accredited by the commission or state of Minnesota except that any school which is duly registered with the commission, or any of its officials or employees, may represent that the school is registered with the commission.

Sec. 8. **[136A.68] RECORDS.** After the effective date of sections 1 to 11, all schools located in this state must maintain permanent records of all students enrolled therein at any time. The commission may require schools to provide a plan acceptable to the commission for pre-

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servicing all such records for at least ten years. The commission may require that such plan include the filing of a continuous surety bond or a deposit of funds in trust in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of preserving records after such school ceases to exist.

Sec. 9. [136A.69] FEES. The commission may collect reasonable registration fees not to exceed \$200 for an initial registration of each school and \$150 for each annual renewal of such existing registration.

Sec. 10. [136A.70] RULES AND REGULATIONS. The commission shall adopt policies and prescribe appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 11. Such rules and regulations may include delegation of authority for implementation of sections 1 to 11 to the commission's executive director.

Sec. 11. [136A.71] INJUNCTION. Upon application of the attorney general the district courts shall have jurisdiction to enjoin any violations of sections 1 to 11.

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CHAPTER 202—H.F.No.1569

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Shoreview; authorizing the city of Shoreview to defer special assessments previously levied on property owned by senior citizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **SHOREVIEW, CITY OF; SENIOR CITIZENS; DEFERRED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** The city of Shoreview may, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 435.193 to 435.195, defer payment of special assessments levied against property owned by persons 65 years of age and older which were levied after March 21, 1971.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon its approval by the city council of the city of Shoreview and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 17, 1975.

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