

**136A.61 POLICY.**

The legislature has found and hereby declares that the availability of legitimate courses and programs leading to academic degrees offered by responsible private nonprofit and for-profit institutions of postsecondary 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 postsecondary education institutions and programs. The legislature has also found and declares that this same policy applies to any private and public postsecondary educational institution located in another state or country which offers or makes available to a Minnesota resident any course, program or educational activity which does not require the leaving of the state for its completion.

**History:** *1975 c 201 s 1; 1978 c 603 s 1; 2007 c 144 art 3 s 1; 2015 c 69 art 2 s 11*