

CHAPTER 65

PRIVATE SCHOOL LICENSING

Original House Bill No. 147

AN ACT to amend W.S. 21-2-401(a), 21-2-402, 21-2-403 and 21-2-405 relating to private school licensing; clarifying application of licensing requirements as specified; increasing license fees; modifying bonding requirements; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-401(a), 21-2-402, 21-2-403 and 21-2-405 are amended to read:

21-2-401. State board of education may license and set minimum standards.

(a) The state board of education may license through the state department of education all trade, correspondence, technical, vocational, business or other private schools as defined by W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iii), AND ALL POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS NOT ACCREDITED BY A RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED ACCREDITING AGENCY AS DEFINED BY RULE AND REGULATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WHICH ARE LOCATED within the state of Wyoming, or having HAVE their principal place of business out of state but doing business in the state. of Wyoming.

21-2-402. Annual license fee. Those Schools SPECIFIED UNDER W.S. 21-2-401(a) EXCLUDING THOSE SCHOOLS EXEMPT UNDER W.S. 21-2-406, in addition to similar type schools outside the state of Wyoming which employ an agent for the purpose of soliciting resident students, shall pay an annual license fee to the state board DEPARTMENT of education in an amount not to exceed ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) which shall be paid into the general fund.

21-2-403. Licensing and regulation of qualifications of agents of private schools. The state board may license the agents of those schools who operate in the state of Wyoming and may regulate the qualifications of their agents. In addition, the state board may establish a license fee not to exceed ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). The license fees shall be deposited in the general fund.

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21-2-405. Performance bond. Before any school is issued a license under this article, it shall submit to the state department of education a ~~ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00)~~ performance bond OF NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) to be approved by the attorney general. The bonds shall be renewed ~~on a yearly basis thereafter~~ ANNUALLY as long as the school retains its license to do business in Wyoming. The performance bond is to assure protection of all persons enrolled in a course of study who may be aggrieved by any school doing business, or operating in, the state. ~~of Wyoming.~~ The department of education will be IS custodian of all bonds filed and may render administrative, but not legal, assistance to all aggrieved persons who may be entitled to relief under the bond.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 23, 1994.