

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 363

BY SENATOR COUSSAN

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to occupational experience of instructors in a technical or occupational course at proprietary schools. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3140.3(C)(4)(a) and 3140.4(A)(1)(b), relative to proprietary
3 schools; to provide relative to licenses and minimum standards for instructors; to
4 provide for certain requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3140.3(C)(4)(a) and 3140.4(A)(1)(b) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3140.3. Licenses; fees; application; renewal

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11 C. An applicant for an initial license shall provide, at a minimum, the
12 following:

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14 (4)(a) A current ~~audited~~ balance sheet of the school prepared by an
15 independent, certified public accountant within six months prior to the date of the
16 initial application for licensure.

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1 §3140.4. Licenses; minimum standards; duration

2 A. No applicant shall be issued a license pursuant to this Chapter until the
3 board has first determined that the school substantially complies with the following:

4 (1) The school's instructors have the following qualifications:

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6 (b) In a technical or occupational course, an instructor shall possess, at a
7 minimum, a bona fide high school diploma or its equivalent; a certificate, diploma,
8 license, other degree, or documented evidence of on-the-job training in the area
9 taught; and a minimum of ~~four~~ **three** years of documented occupational experience
10 in the area taught.

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12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 17:3140.3(C)(4)(a)) requires that an applicant for an initial license must provide, at a minimum, a current audited balance sheet of the school prepared by an independent, certified public accountant within six months prior to the date of the initial application for licensure.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the requirement from an applicant for an initial license must provide, at a minimum, a current audited balance sheet to an applicant for an initial license must provide, at a minimum, a current balance sheet.

Present law (R.S. 17:3140.4(A)(1)(b)) requires that proprietary school instructors have the following qualifications:

- (1) In an academic course, an instructor must, at a minimum, possess a baccalaureate degree from a bona fide accredited college or university and demonstrate appropriate familiarity with the subject matter taught.
- (2) In a technical or occupational course, an instructor must possess, at a minimum, a bona fide high school diploma or its equivalent; a certificate, diploma, license, other degree, or documented evidence of on-the-job training in the area taught; and a

minimum of four years of documented occupational experience in the area taught.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the minimum years of documented occupational experience in the area taught from four years to three years.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3140.3(C)(4)(a) and 3140.4(A)(1)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Requires an applicant for an initial license, at a minimum, to provide a current balance sheet of the school instead of a current audited balance sheet.