

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 338 (SB 363)

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Existing law authorizes the operation of proprietary schools, with licensing administered by the Bd. of Regents. Defines a proprietary school as a for-profit or nonprofit business that is operated in La. and sells or offers for sale any course of instruction for the purpose of training or preparing students for a business, trade, technical, or industrial occupation. Does not include a school or educational institution that is operated with public funds from either a local or state source.

Prior law required 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.

New law retains prior law but removes the requirement that the balance sheet be audited.

Prior law required 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.

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

Effective May 28, 2024.

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