

ENROLLED ACT NO. 7, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2010 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to private school licensing; providing an exemption from private school licensing requirements as specified; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-406(a)(i)(A), by creating a new subparagraph (C) and by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

21-2-406. Schools exempted; definition.

(a) This article does not apply to:

(i) Any parochial, church or religious school as defined by W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iv) which is maintained by a church, religious denomination or religious organization comprised of multidenominational members of the same recognized religion, lawfully operating the school or institution pursuant to applicable laws governing its organization, and the school or institution:

(A) Offers elementary and secondary education programs only; ~~or~~ or

(C) Operates as a degree granting post secondary education institution, provides instruction through means not defined as distance education and the institution:

(I) Issues diplomas or degrees restricted to the beliefs and practices of the affiliated church, religious denomination or religious organization and includes a statement on the face of issued diplomas or

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degrees and course transcripts referencing the theological or religious nature of the subject area for which any diploma or degree is awarded, clearly reflecting the nature of the diploma title as "Diploma of Religious Studies" or degree title as "Associate of Religious Studies", "Associate of Arts of Religious Studies", "Bachelor of Religious Studies" or "Bachelor of Arts of Religious Studies";

(II) Annually files with the department evidence of nonprofit religious organization status for purposes of federal taxation and organization under the laws of this state; and

(III) On and after the effective date of this act for any institution not currently operating in this state, not less than sixty (60) days prior to first issuing any degree under this subparagraph, reports to the department any degree which the institution will award and the religious affiliation the institution maintains.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "distance education" means the teacher and student are physically separated by time or space and connected by means of a communications source used to provide synchronous or asynchronous instruction.

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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.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk