

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law defines a career school or college as a business that offers a course or program of instruction that is postsecondary and that may lead to an academic, professional, or vocational degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential.

Because there is no definition of "postsecondary program" in the Education Code, the Texas Workforce Commission has chosen to seek licensure as a career school of those who are teaching yoga, children's acting classes, dog grooming, and teen modeling.

C.S.S.B. 1176 adds a definition of a "postsecondary program" to the section of the law regulating career schools and colleges, to mean a program that requires a student to have a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate or requires that a person be beyond the age of compulsory education. This definition further provides that a program of instruction in yoga or that trains persons to teach yoga is not considered a postsecondary program.

C.S.S.B. 1176 amends current law relating to the definition of a postsecondary program in regard to non-baccalaureate career schools and colleges.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 132.001, Education Code, by adding Subdivision (15), to define "postsecondary program."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.