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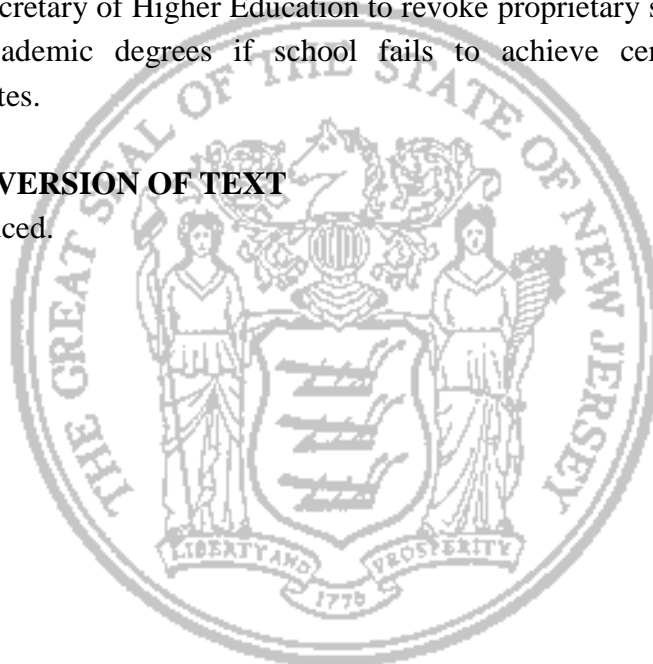
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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs Secretary of Higher Education to revoke proprietary school's license to award academic degrees if school fails to achieve certain minimum graduation rates.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the graduation rates of certain proprietary  
2 schools and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “proprietary school” means a  
9 postsecondary institution in New Jersey that is operated for profit  
10 and which has been authorized to offer licensed degree programs.

11 b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection c. of this  
12 section, the Secretary of Higher Education shall revoke a  
13 proprietary school’s license to award academic degrees if, by the  
14 completion of the sixth full academic year that occurs following the  
15 effective date of this act, the school fails to achieve a six-year  
16 graduation rate of at least 75% for full-time students who are  
17 enrolled in a four-year degree program.

18 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection c. of this section,  
19 the Secretary of Higher Education shall revoke a proprietary  
20 school’s license to award academic degrees if, by the completion of  
21 the sixth full academic year that occurs following the effective date  
22 of this act, the school fails to achieve a three-year graduation rate of  
23 at least 75% for full-time students who are enrolled in a two-year  
24 degree program.

25 c. If, at the completion of the fifth full academic year that occurs  
26 following the effective date of this act, a proprietary school is not  
27 on track to achieve the minimum graduation rates specified in  
28 subsection b. of this section, but is making sufficient progress  
29 toward achieving those rates, the secretary at his discretion may  
30 allow the school additional time to achieve those rates before  
31 revoking the school’s license to award academic degrees.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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38 This bill provides that the Secretary of Higher Education will  
39 revoke a proprietary school’s license to award academic degrees if  
40 the school fails to achieve a six-year graduation rate of at least 75%  
41 for full-time students enrolled in a four-year degree program by the  
42 completion of the sixth full academic year that occurs following the  
43 bill’s effective date. The bill further provides that the secretary will  
44 revoke a proprietary school’s license to award academic degrees if  
45 the school fails to achieve a three-year graduation rate of at least  
46 75% for full-time students enrolled in a two-year degree program by  
47 the completion of the sixth full academic year that occurs following  
48 the bill’s effective date. However, if after five years, a proprietary

1 school is not on track to achieve these minimum graduation rates  
2 for full-time students, but is making sufficient progress toward  
3 achieving that goal, the secretary at his discretion may allow the  
4 school additional time to achieve the rates before revoking the  
5 school's license to award academic degrees.