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A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 196.012, F.S.; redefining the term "educational institution," for purposes of the exemption of such institutions from ad valorem taxation, to include certain schools providing postgraduate dental education; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 196.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.012 Definitions.--For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(5) "Educational institution" means a federal, state, parochial, church, or private school, college, or university conducting regular classes and courses of study required for eligibility to certification by, accreditation to, or membership in the State Department of Education of Florida, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or the Florida Council of Independent Schools; a nonprofit private school the principal activity of which is conducting regular classes and courses of study accepted for continuing postgraduate dental education credit by a board of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance; educational direct-support organizations created pursuant to ss. 229.8021, 240.299, and 240.331; and facilities located on the property of eligible entities which will become owned by those entities on a date certain.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998.

********** HOUSE SUMMARY Redefines the term "educational institution," for purposes of exempting such institutions from ad valorem taxation, to include schools conducting classes and courses of study accepted for continuing postgraduate dental education by a board of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance Quality Assurance.