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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Higher Education (Lynn) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (732322) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

6 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
7 1005.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 1005.06 Institutions not under the jurisdiction or purview
9 of the commission.—

10 (1) Except as otherwise provided in law, the following
11 institutions are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the
12 commission and are not required to obtain licensure:



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13 (f) A faith-based postsecondary institution whose president
14 or other administrative official religious college may operate
15 without governmental oversight if the college annually verifies
16 by sworn affidavit to the commission that the institution is in
17 compliance with the following requirements:

18 ~~1. The name of the institution includes a religious~~
19 ~~modifier or the name of a religious patriarch, saint, person, or~~
20 ~~symbol of the church.~~

21 ~~1.2.~~ The institution offers only educational programs that
22 prepare students for religious vocations as ministers,
23 professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry,
24 counseling, theology, education, administration, music, fine
25 arts, media communications, or social work.

26 ~~2.3.~~ The institution acknowledges that it will not be
27 exempt from licensure and must seek licensure by the commission
28 if it confers ~~The titles of degrees issued by the institution~~
29 ~~cannot be confused with secular degree titles. For this purpose,~~
30 ~~each degree title must include a religious modifier that~~
31 ~~immediately precedes, or is included within, any of the~~
32 following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science,
33 Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of
34 Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education. ~~The~~
35 ~~religious modifier must be placed on the title line of the~~
36 ~~degree, on the transcript, and whenever the title of the degree~~
37 ~~appears in official school documents or publications.~~

38 ~~3.4.~~ The duration of all degree programs offered by the
39 institution is consistent with the standards of the commission.

40 ~~4.5.~~ The institution's consumer practices are consistent
41 with those required by s. 1005.04.



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43 Within 60 days after receipt of a faith-based postsecondary
44 institution's sworn affidavit, the commission ~~must~~ may provide
45 the ~~such a religious~~ institution with a letter stating that the
46 institution has submitted a sworn affidavit stating that it
47 meets ~~met~~ the requirements of this paragraph. The commission
48 shall post the name and address of the institution on the
49 commission's Internet website along with a statement
50 acknowledging that the institution has submitted the required
51 sworn affidavit ~~state law and is not subject to governmental~~
52 oversight.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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55 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete everything before the enacting clause
58 and insert:

59 A bill to be entitled

60 An act relating to faith-based postsecondary
61 institutions; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.; revising the
62 requirements by which a faith-based postsecondary
63 institution may be exempt from licensure by the
64 Commission on Independent Education; deleting
65 provisions requiring that an institution have a
66 religious modifier in the institution's name and the
67 titles of degrees that it offers; requiring that the
68 commission acknowledge receipt of an institution's
69 sworn affidavit within a specified period and post the
70 institution's name and address on the commission's



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Internet website along with a statement acknowledging
that the institution has submitted the required sworn
affidavit; providing an effective date.