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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 558 and 559
insert:

Section 15. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
1005.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1) Except as otherwise provided in law, the following
institutions are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the



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commission and are not required to obtain licensure:

(f)1. A nonpublic religious postsecondary educational institution ~~religious college~~ may operate without licensure ~~governmental oversight~~ if the institution ~~college~~ annually verifies by sworn affidavit to the commission each of the following affirmations ~~that~~:

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

b. An explanation of the religious modifier, religious name, or religious symbol used in the institution's name.

c.2. The institution offers only educational programs that prepare students for religious vocations as ministers, professionals, or laypersons in the categories of ministry, counseling, theology, education, administration, music, fine arts, media communications, or social work.

d.3. The titles of degrees issued by the institution cannot be confused with secular degree titles. For this purpose, each degree title must include a religious modifier that immediately precedes, or is included within, any of the following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Education. The religious modifier must be placed on the title line of the degree, on the transcript, and whenever the title of the degree appears in official school documents or publications.

e. The titles and majors of every degree program offered by the institution as they appear on degrees and transcripts issued by the institution.



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40 f.4. The duration of all degree programs offered by the
41 institution is consistent with the standards of the commission.

42 g.5. The institution's consumer practices are consistent
43 with those required by s. 1005.04.

44 2. If requested by the commission, the institution must
45 submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the
46 requirements of this paragraph and with s. 1005.04. The
47 institution must submit such documentation within 30 days after
48 the request.

49 3. The commission shall review for approval or denial, in a
50 public meeting, affidavits submitted pursuant to this paragraph.
51 The commission shall approve an affidavit unless the affidavit
52 is facially invalid, the affidavit is contradicted by the
53 institution's public advertisements or by other evidence, or the
54 institution has failed to comply with the requirements of
55 subparagraph 2. The commission may provide such a religious
56 institution a letter stating that the institution has met the
57 requirements of state law and is not subject to licensure by the
58 commission ~~governmental oversight.~~

59 a. If a nonpublic religious postsecondary educational
60 institution that has been issued a written notice of exemption
61 from licensure by the commission subsequently fails to comply
62 with the requirements of this paragraph, the commission must
63 revoke its approval of the institution's affidavit in a public
64 meeting.

65 b. If an affidavit is denied by the commission, the
66 commission may take any of the actions specified in s. 1005.38
67 unless the institution applies for a license pursuant to s.
68 1005.31(1)(a), ceases operating in this state, or submits



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documentation indicating compliance with this paragraph.

c. The commission may adopt rules to administer this paragraph.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 60

and insert:

coursework simultaneously; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.;
authorizing certain institutions to operate without
licensure; specifying affirmations required as a part
of an affidavit; requiring submission of requested
documentation in a specified timeframe; requiring the
Commission for Independent Education to review such
affidavit in a public meeting; specifying commission
actions for noncompliance; authorizing the commission
to adopt rules; amending s. 1006.73, F.S.;