

AN ACT

relating to the definition of private or independent institution of higher education applicable to certain statutes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (15), Section 61.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(15) "Private or independent institution of higher education" includes only a private or independent college or university that is:

(A) organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (Article 1396-1.01 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes);

(B) exempt from taxation under Article VIII, Section 2, of the Texas Constitution and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501); and

(C) accredited by:

(i) the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

(ii) ~~[or]~~ the Liaison Committee on Medical Education; or

(iii) the American Bar Association.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 480 passed the Senate on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 480 passed the House on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor