

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 480
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2007; February 21, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 28, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 28, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the definition of private or independent institution of
1-10 higher education applicable to certain statutes.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subdivision (15), Section 61.003, Education
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (15) "Private or independent institution of higher
1-15 education" includes only a private or independent college or
1-16 university that is:

1-17 (A) organized under the Texas Non-Profit
1-18 Corporation Act (Article 1396-1.01 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil
1-19 Statutes);

1-20 (B) exempt from taxation under Article VIII,
1-21 Section 2, of the Texas Constitution and Section 501(c)(3) of the
1-22 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501); and

1-23 (C) accredited by:

1-24 (i) the Commission on Colleges of the
1-25 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

1-26 (ii) ~~or~~ the Liaison Committee on Medical
1-27 Education; or

1-28 (iii) the American Bar Association.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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