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H.B. No. 3360

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the application and renewal of a certificate of
3 authorization in Texas for Out-of-State educational institutions
4 and to the imposition of fees.

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

6 SECTION 1. Amend Section 61.305(c), Education Code, and add
7 a new Subsection (d) as follows:

8 Sec. 61.305. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. (a)
9 A private postsecondary educational institution that has been in
10 operation for not less than two years may apply to the board for a
11 certificate of authority to grant a degree in a specified program of
12 study on application forms provided by the board.

13 (b) The application form shall contain the name and address
14 of the institution; purpose of the institution; names of the
15 sponsors or owners of the institution; regulations, rules,
16 constitutions, bylaws, or other regulations established for the
17 government and operation of the institution; the names and
18 addresses of the chief administrative officer, the principal
19 administrators, and each member of the board of trustees or other
20 governing board; the names of members of the faculty who will, in
21 fact, teach in the program of study, with the highest degree held by
22 each; a full description of the degree or degrees to be awarded and
23 the course or courses of study prerequisite thereto; a description
24 of the facilities and equipment utilized by the institution; and

1 any additional information which the board may request.

2 (c) The application must be accompanied by the following
3 fees: an initial fee set by the board in an amount not to exceed the
4 average cost of reviewing the application, including the cost of
5 necessary consultants.

6 (1) Application Fee-\$15,000.00

7 (2) Annual Renewal Fee-\$10,000.00

8 (3) Per student/per course Fee-\$10.00

9 (d) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of
10 this section, including a system of reporting the information
11 necessary to calculate all applicable fees.

12 SECTION 2. This act takes affect September 1, 2011