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S.B. No. 301

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue to a foreign postsecondary institution a certificate of authority to grant professional degrees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.306, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board may not issue a certificate of authority for a private postsecondary institution to grant a professional degree or to represent that credits earned in this state are applicable towards a degree if the institution is chartered in a foreign country or has its principal office or primary educational program in a foreign country. In this section, "professional degree" includes a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.).

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.