

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Duncan, Schwertner S.B. No. 301  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 30, 2013; February 5, 2013,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 1; April 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Seliger	X			
1-9	Watson	X			
1-10	Birdwell		X		
1-11	Duncan	X			
1-12	Patrick	X			
1-13	West	X			
1-14	Zaffirini	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education  
1-18 Coordinating Board to issue to a foreign postsecondary institution  
1-19 a certificate of authority to grant professional degrees.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 61.306, Education Code, is amended by  
1-22 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-23 (c) The board may not issue a certificate of authority for a  
1-24 private postsecondary institution to grant a professional degree or  
1-25 to represent that credits earned in this state are applicable  
1-26 towards a degree if the institution is chartered in a foreign  
1-27 country or has its principal office or primary educational program  
1-28 in a foreign country. In this section, "professional degree"  
1-29 includes a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.),  
1-30 Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine  
1-31 (D.V.M.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.).

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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