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H.B. No. 5192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the accreditation of private or independent institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.003(15), 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) the Liaison Committee on Medical Education; ~~or~~

(iii) the American Bar Association; or

(iv) a recognized accrediting agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.