

# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## <u>SB 1039</u>: private postsecondary education; board; continuation Sponsor: Senator Bennett, LD 1 Caucus & COW

#### **Overview**

Continues the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education (Board) for eight years.

#### **History**

The Board is responsible for licensing and regulating private postsecondary education institutions that offer vocational and degree programs. Specific powers and duties of the Board include: 1) establishing minimum standards for private vocational program licensure; 2) reviewing applications for private vocational program licenses and licenses to grant degrees; and 3) investigating complaints against license holders. The Board also administers the Student Tuition Recovery Fund to provide relief to individuals who are affected by the closure of a private postsecondary education institution.

The Board consists of seven members: five members who hold an executive or managerial position at private educational institutions that offer vocational programs or degrees as prescribed and two members who are Arizona citizens and have been involved in the commerce industry for at least three years. All Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve four-year terms (A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 30).

The Board is set to terminate on July 1, 2024 (<u>A.R.S. § 41-3024.24</u>). The House of Representatives Education Committee of Reference (COR) and Senate Education COR met jointly on December 6, 2023 to conduct a review the Board and recommended that the Board be continued for 10 years (<u>House and Senate Education COR Report</u>).

### **Provisions**

- 1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the Board until July 1, 2032. (Sec 2, 4)
- 2. Repeals the Board on January 1, 2033. (Sec. 2)
- 3. Contains a purpose statement. (Sec. 3)
- 4. Makes a conforming change. (Sec. 1)