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SENATE BILL 14-149

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS THAT A PRIVATE  
102 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL MUST SATISFY BEFORE BEING ISSUED A  
103 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO OPERATE IN COLORADO.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, the private occupational school board (board) establishes criteria that a private occupational school shall meet prior to the board issuing a certificate of approval to operate in Colorado. The minimum standards that the board shall require is established in statute.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

The bill removes a statutory provision that exempts the board from having to observe and require compliance with certain statutory standards if the private occupational school is accredited by an accrediting association officially recognized by the United States department of education or by the board, so long as the accrediting body's standards meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth in statute.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-59-106, **repeal** (2)  
3 as follows:

4           **12-59-106. Minimum standards.** (2) ~~A school that is accredited~~  
5 ~~by an accrediting association officially recognized by the United States~~  
6 ~~education department or by the board may fulfill the requirements of~~  
7 ~~paragraphs (c) to (o) and (s) of subsection (1) of this section by~~  
8 ~~maintaining its accreditation with its appropriate accrediting association~~  
9 ~~as long as the accrediting standards meet or exceed the minimum~~  
10 ~~standards set forth in this article.~~

11           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.