

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
2 entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
3 regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
4 of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
5 repeals," further providing for definitions and for license
6 fees; and providing for multibranch training schools.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The definition of "multibranch training school"
10 in section 2 of the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
11 known as the Private Licensed Schools Act, is amended to read:

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Multibranch training school." A business corporation
18 licensed to do business in Pennsylvania having more than one
19 branch facility at which instruction is offered to the general

1 public for a fee. A branch facility shall mean a facility of a
2 licensed school when all of the following occur:

3 (1) The facility has the same ownership, management or
4 control as that of the licensed school.

5 (2) The curriculum offered at such facility is
6 substantially the same as the curriculum offered at the
7 licensed school.

8 (3) The number of tuition-paid students enrolled at each
9 such facility does not exceed 50 per class.

10 (4) The facility is [located within the same county and
11 is] administratively an integral part of the licensed school.
12 No additional license fees or bond shall be required of any
13 such facility, provided that the physical plant of each such
14 facility is approved by the board.

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16 Section 2. Section 10(b) of the act is amended to read:

17 Section 10. License fees.

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19 (b) Multibranch training school fee.--A multibranch training
20 school shall pay the same fees set forth in subsection (a) [,
21 except that such school shall be required to pay only one fee
22 for any and all branch training schools {located in one county}]. <--
23 NO ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE OR BOND, EXCLUDING SURETY BOND AND <--
24 BOARD-APPROVED PRIVATE SURETY FUND, SHALL BE REQUIRED OF A
25 FACILITY.

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27 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

28 Section 13.1. Multibranch training schools.

29 (a) Board approval.--A licensed school shall receive
30 approval from the board prior to opening a branch facility

1 within this Commonwealth. To receive approval under this
2 subsection, the licensed school must:

3 (1) Have been operational for two years prior to
4 requesting approval.

5 (2) Be in good standing with the board.

6 (b) Geographical limitations.--A licensed school may only
7 operate a branch facility in a county contiguous to the licensed
8 school or within less than a 60-mile radius of the licensed
9 school.

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.