



PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS LAW UPDATE

HB562 - REP. EMERSON/SEN. MORRISH

THE GOAL



In collaboration with proprietary school owners and stakeholders, rewrite the existing proprietary schools statute to eliminate ambiguity and redundancy, provide clarity and promote consumer protection.



THE CHALLENGE

Much of the law governing proprietary schools is outdated. In the 1970s, the Board of Regents became the licensing agency for proprietary schools operating in LA. As models for knowledge transfer evolve and new technologies surface, applicable statutes require an update. In addition, for-profit institution closures in LA and around the nation have prompted the need for additional consumer protection for students. At the very least, students should be notified and a teach-out procedure should be explicit if a school closure is imminent.

THE APPROACH



- To accomplish the rewrite, some existing sections of law relating to proprietary schools were repealed and recreated in different sections.
- In summary, the law will include but isn't limited to new provisions for: 1) changing the definition of proprietary schools to specify that out-of-state enterprises that require clinical experiences in LA are proprietary schools; 2) distinguishing types of license applications; 3) reporting of outcomes data and management of records; 4) establishment of processes for closures; 5) specifying surety bond requirements; 6) the prescriptive period for solicitor bonds; and 7) defining teach-out procedures.