

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Private Business and Vocational Schools Act  
5 of 2012 is amended by adding Section 75.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 426/75.5 new)

7 Sec. 75.5. Operating without a permit; cease and desist  
8 order. The Board may issue a cease and desist order to any  
9 school operating without the required permit of approval and  
10 may impose a civil penalty for such a violation. Each day's  
11 violation shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty for  
12 such a violation shall be a fee or other conditions as  
13 established by rule. A penalty fee may not exceed \$10,000 per  
14 violation. The Attorney General may bring an action in circuit  
15 court to enforce the collection of the penalty fee.

16 The cease and desist order shall be issued to the school,  
17 shall contain the school's name and address and a brief  
18 factual statement, and shall identify this Act and the  
19 statutory citations of this Act allegedly violated and the  
20 penalty, if any, imposed. The cease and desist order must  
21 clearly state that the school may choose to request a hearing.  
22 If the school does not request a hearing with the Board within  
23 30 days after the cease and desist order is served, then the

1 cease and desist order shall become final and not subject to  
2 appeal notwithstanding anything to the contrary under Section  
3 85 of this Act.

4 Section 10. The Private College Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 14.20 and by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 1005/14.20 new)

7 Sec. 14.20. Operating without a certificate; cease and  
8 desist order. The Board may issue a cease and desist order to  
9 any post-secondary educational institution operating without  
10 the required certificate of approval and may impose a civil  
11 penalty for such a violation. Each day's violation shall  
12 constitute a separate offense. The penalty for such a  
13 violation shall be a fee or other conditions as established by  
14 rule. A penalty fee may not exceed \$10,000 per violation. The  
15 Attorney General may bring an action in circuit court to  
16 enforce the collection of the penalty fee.

17 The cease and desist order shall be issued to the  
18 institution, shall contain the institution's name and address  
19 and a brief factual statement, and shall identify this Act and  
20 the statutory citations of this Act allegedly violated and the  
21 penalty, if any, imposed. The cease and desist order must  
22 clearly state that the institution may choose to request a  
23 hearing. If the institution does not request a hearing with  
24 the Board within 30 days after the cease and desist order is

1 served, then the cease and desist order shall become final and  
2 not subject to appeal notwithstanding anything to the contrary  
3 under Section 12 of this Act.

4 (110 ILCS 1005/15) (from Ch. 144, par. 135)

5 Sec. 15. Violations.

6 (a) Any person violating any provision of this Act shall  
7 be guilty of a petty offense and fined not less than \$25 nor  
8 more than \$10,000. Each day's violation of any provision of  
9 this Act shall constitute a separate offense.

10 (b) Upon application of the Board's Executive Director,  
11 the Attorney General, or any State's Attorney, the circuit  
12 court of each county in which a violation of this Act or rules  
13 has occurred shall have jurisdiction to enjoin such a  
14 violation.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-288, eff. 7-28-23.)

16 Section 15. The Academic Degree Act is amended by adding  
17 Section 7.5 as follows:

18 (110 ILCS 1010/7.5 new)

19 Sec. 7.5. Cease and desist order. The Board may issue a  
20 cease and desist order to any educational organization or  
21 entity operating without the required authorization to operate  
22 and grant degrees. The Board may impose a civil penalty for  
23 such a violation. Each day's violation shall constitute a

1 separate offense. The penalty for such a violation shall be a  
2 fee or other conditions as established by rule. A penalty fee  
3 may not exceed \$10,000 per violation. The Attorney General may  
4 bring an action in circuit court to enforce the collection of  
5 the penalty fee.

6 The cease and desist order shall be issued to the  
7 educational organization or entity, shall contain the name and  
8 address of the educational organization or entity and a brief  
9 factual statement, and shall identify this Act and the  
10 statutory citations of this Act allegedly violated and the  
11 penalty, if any, imposed. The cease and desist order must  
12 state clearly that the educational organization or entity may  
13 choose to request a hearing. If the educational organization  
14 or entity does not request a hearing with the Board or its  
15 designee within 30 days after the cease and desist order is  
16 served, then the cease and desist order shall become final and  
17 not subject to appeal notwithstanding anything to the contrary  
18 under Section 10 of this Act.