

1 AN ACT relating to schools.

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 is amended by changing Section 1.1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 425/1.1) (from Ch. 144, par. 136.1)

7 Sec. 1.1. Exemptions and annual filing.

8 (a) For purposes of this Act, the following shall not be
9 considered to be a private business and vocational school:

10 (1) Any eleemosynary institution.

11 (2) Any religious institution.

12 (3) Any public educational institution exempt from
13 property taxation under the laws of this State.

14 (4) Any in-service course of instruction and subject
15 offered by an employer provided no tuition is charged and
16 such instruction is offered only to employees of such
17 employer.

18 (5) Any educational institution (A) which (i) on the
19 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1984 or which on
20 January 2, 2001 enrolls a majority of its students in
21 degree programs and has maintained an accredited status
22 with the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of
23 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or
24 (ii) on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
25 of the 93rd General Assembly enrolls students in one or
26 more bachelor-level programs, enrolls a majority of its
27 students in degree programs, and is accredited by a
28 national accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S.
29 Department of Education, and (B) which is regulated by the
30 Illinois Board of Higher Education under the Private
31 College Act or the Academic Degree Act, or which is exempt
32 from such regulation under either of the foregoing Acts

1 solely for the reason that such educational institution was
2 in operation on the effective date of either such Act.

3 (6) Any institution and the franchisees of such
4 institution which offer exclusively a course of
5 instruction in income tax theory or return preparation at a
6 total contract price of no more than \$400, provided that
7 the total annual enrollment of such institution for all
8 such courses of instruction exceeds 500 students, and
9 further provided that the total contract price for all
10 instruction offered to a student in any one calendar year
11 does not exceed \$400. For each calendar year after 1990,
12 the total contract price shall be adjusted, rounded off to
13 the nearest dollar, by the same percentage as the increase
14 or decrease in the general price level as measured by the
15 consumer price index for all urban consumers for the United
16 States, or its successor index, as defined and officially
17 reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its
18 successor agency. The change in the index shall be that as
19 first published by the Department of Labor for the calendar
20 year immediately preceding the year in which the total
21 contract price is calculated.

22 (b) An institution exempted under subsection (a) of this
23 Section must file with the Superintendent an annual financial
24 report to demonstrate continued compliance by the institution
25 with the requirements on which the exemption is based.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-62, eff. 1-1-02.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law.