

HB 1267 -- VIRTUAL EDUCATION (Lichtenegger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Higher Education

This bill adds approved virtual institutions to the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program, as described within the bill.

An approved virtual institution must: be recognized as a qualifying institution by gubernatorial executive order, unless such order is rescinded; be recognized as a qualifying institution through a memorandum of understanding between the state of Missouri and the virtual institution; be accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; have established and continuously maintained a physical campus or location of operation in Missouri; maintain at least 25 full-time Missouri employees, at least one-half of which must be faculty or administrators engaged in Missouri operations; enroll at least 1000 Missouri residents as degree or certificate seeking students; maintain a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight of Missouri operations; be organized as a nonprofit institution; and utilize an exclusively competency-based education model.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 411 (2017).