

HB 1269 -- HIGHER EDUCATION BOARD

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This bill requires a proprietary school that closes without taking care of the students, to forfeit the security deposit required to be on record with the Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development. The Department will use the funds to help the students affected by the closure.

If funds remain after students receive restitution from the security deposit proceeds, the remaining money will be used to secure and administer student records in the Department's care.

The bill also creates a specific exemption category for U.S. Department of Labor approved registered apprenticeships from the certification requirements with the Department.

The Department currently exempts training partners that only enroll registered apprentices, and only requires certification or exemption of providers who seek to enroll non-apprentices in the same program in order to ensure those students have oversight protections in place. This bill clarifies in statute the exemption category for those wishing to offer postsecondary training as part of a registered apprenticeship program.

This bill is similar to HB 2792 (2024).