Overview

Chapter 141 requires the licensure of private for-profit career schools. This bill defines centers that provide computer related instruction as training firms and sets up a registration system for these firms as an alternative to licensure. The processes are similar, although training firms are exempted from certain provisions that apply to schools that are licensed.

Section

1 Legislative Review. Requires higher education committees to review and update chapter 141 statutes every 5 years.

-323 Definition. Change definition of a "solicitor" to apply only to those who act on behalf of a school. Change reference from "correspondence" course to "long-distance learning."

-545 Definition. Define "student" as one who receives instruction from a school, and "trainee" as one who receives instruction from a training center.

-767 Definition. Define "long-distance learning" and "web site."

8 Citation. Changes citation of 141 statutes to add "long distance learning" and "training firm."

-13913 Technical. Make technical changes to incorporate newly defined terms.

14 Exemptions. Adds solicitors for training firms to the existing list of those exempt from any provision of sections 141.21 to 141.36.

15 Additional Exemptions. Creates another provision that exempts the training of individuals by training firms from sections 141.21 to 141.36.

16 Definitions. Creates a new set of definitions specifically for training firms that define the courses of instruction as computer-related personal skill or business practice in which certification may be given that a trainee has achieved certain industry standards or is prepared to pass a test demonstrating industry standards.

17 Registration Standards. Sets up a registration procedure as an alternative to licensure for
training firms. Procedures are very similar to licensure except that references to student services, program quality, adequate preparation for employment, and student housing are omitted.

As in licensure provisions, specifies that registration fees shall cover but not exceed administrative cost (same as licensure), and that license expires annually. Adds requirement that all registrants be reviewed every three years for compliance.

Omits requirements (found in licensure) that training firms maintain placement records if they offer a placement service, and that training firms maintain permanent student records.

18 Refunds. Sets up refund requirements similar to those under licensure, except allows up to a $100 administrative fee to be kept by the training firm.