



KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE

CPE MEETING

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**PURPOSE
OF
LICENSURE**

To protect the citizens of the Commonwealth against colleges that engage in fraudulent practices, unfair competition, or substandard educational programs.

**KRS 164.945 – 164.947 and
13 KAR 1:020 (1991)**

LICENSURE AUTHORITY

- All private, for-profit colleges with bachelor's degree or above.
- All private, nonprofit colleges, including religious colleges.
- Out-of-state private and public colleges which operate in Kentucky.

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13 KAR 1:020 (1991)**

LICENSURE ACTIVITIES

- Licensure of new colleges
- Changes
- Renewals
- Annual reporting – data
- Consumer complaints

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INCREASED
VOLUME
WITH 60
COLLEGES
AND
MULTIPLE
SITES

- 50% more colleges since reform.
 - 1991
 - 31 in-state; 8 out-of-state
 - 1998
 - 32 in-state; 8 out-of-state
 - 2009
 - 37 in-state; 23 out-of-state
- 1,800 programs.
- 35% of state financial aid to licensed colleges = \$64,469,671.

NEED FOR
GREATER
CONSUMER
PROTECTION

- Degree mills, diploma mills, and counterfeit operations.
- Technology and internationalization increase risk of fraud.

MORE
COMPLEX
REVIEWS
REQUIRED

- Site visits with consultants.
- Coordination with state agencies, like Education Professional Standards Board and Board of Nursing.

NEW LAW
CREATES
NEW
LICENSING
DEMANDS

To be eligible for tuition grants:

- Licensed out-of-state colleges for which SACS is not an option must undergo CPE review based on accreditation criteria that mirrors SACS.
- Beginning 2011.

KRS 164.785(7)

PROPOSED
REVISIONS
TO
REGULATION
NECESSARY

- 18 years without revision.
- Align standards and process.
- Address online.
- Accommodate growth.

13 KAR 1:020

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Review and process increased applications and programs.
- Site visit coordination, travel, and attendance.
- Data collection and management.

PROPOSED
FEES FOR
LICENSURE

- 85% of states charge fees (39 out of 46).
- Others considering fees.
- In addition to site visit costs.

PROPOSED REGULATIONS

- Revisions to 13 KAR 1:020. *Private college licensing.*
- New 13 KAR 1:040. *Definitions for independent colleges.*
- New 13 KAR 1:050. *Licensed out-of-state college's eligibility for Kentucky tuition grant.*

Thank You



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QUESTIONS