

Legislative Analysis



EXCLUDE APPRENTICESHIPS FROM PROPRIETARY SCHOOL DEFINITION

House Bill 4174 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4174 would amend the Proprietary Schools Act to add language stating that a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship program is not a *proprietary school* for the purposes of the act.

Proprietary school, as currently defined in the act, means a school that uses a certain plan or method to teach a trade, occupation, or vocation for consideration, reward, or promise of any kind. The term includes a private business, trade, or home study school. (Essentially, proprietary schools are private trade schools.¹)

The following are already not considered proprietary schools under the act:

- A school or college with authority to grant degrees.
- A school licensed by law through another board or department of this state.
- A school maintained or program conducted, without profit, by a person for that person's employees.
- A school or program that exclusively provides yoga instruction, yoga teacher training, or both.

The Proprietary Schools Act requires a proprietary school to obtain a temporary permit or license from the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).² Upon completion, students do not receive a degree, but may earn a certificate of completion.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4174 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity or on any other unit of state or local government. The department estimates that the bill would impact around ten institutions, which would no longer be subject to regulation under the act.

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¹ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/proprietary_schools_386532_7.pdf

² The bill currently describes the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) as the governing state department, as it was introduced before responsibility for the act was transferred to LEO by Executive Reorganization Order 2019-3. <http://legislature.mi.gov/documents/2019-2020/executiveorder/pdf/2019-EO-13.pdf>
<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-125-1998>