



KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION LICENSURE

OCTOBER 28, 2010 MEETING

**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 (2010)**

LICENSURE AUTHORITY

- All private, for-profit colleges with bachelor degree or above
- All private, non-profit colleges, including religious colleges
- Out-of-state public colleges which operate in KY

In sum, ALL colleges *except*:

- In-state publics; and
- For-profits only offering below bachelor

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LICENSURE ACTIVITIES

- Licensure of new colleges
- Changes to existing licenses
- Data collection
- Annual maintenance and renewal
- Consumer complaints

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INCREASED
VOLUME

64 LICENSED
COLLEGES
AND
MULTIPLE
SITES

- 63% more colleges since reform
 - 1991
 - 31 in-state; 8 out-of-state
 - 1998
 - 32 in-state; 8 out-of-state
 - 2010
 - 39 in-state; 25 out-of-state
- 2,298 academic programs
(1,178 in-state; 1,120 out-of-state)
- 35% of state financial aid to
licensed colleges = \$66,586,634

NEED FOR GREATER CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

Revised regulation in 2010:

- Address online operations, “operating or soliciting”
- Administer cease and desist

OVERSIGHT OF INDUSTRY

- Proliferation and complexity of applications and programs
- Site visits with consultants
- Coordination with state agencies like EPSB and Board of Nursing
- Consumer complaints

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 academic year

KRS 164.785(7)
13 KAR 1:050

Thank You



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QUESTIONS