

# The State of Texas



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Secretary of State

June 7, 2011

Amberton University  
Dr. Melinda Reagan  
President  
1700 Eastgate Drive  
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Dear Dr.Reagan:

Enclosed is an official copy of House Joint Resolution 130, as passed by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, of the State of Texas. In this resolution, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature says that the State of Texas is meeting requirements of the United States Department of Education concerning federal student aid by naming private institutions of higher education in the State of Texas that are authorized to operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature of the State of Texas also requests that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States.

Sincerely,

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Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 meeting requirements of the United States Department of Education  
2 concerning federal student aid by naming private institutions of  
3 higher education in the State of Texas that are authorized to  
4 operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including  
5 programs leading to a degree or certificate.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 WHEREAS, On October 29, 2010, the United States Department of  
8 Education released Final Regulations on Program Integrity Issues in  
9 an effort to strengthen federal student aid programs at  
10 postsecondary institutions; one provision seeks to clarify the  
11 minimum a state must do to authorize a postsecondary institution so  
12 that the institution is able to participate in federal student aid  
13 and other federal funding programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Specifically, 34 C.F.R. Section 600.9 was amended to  
15 require that postsecondary institutions be "established by name as  
16 an educational institution by a State through a charter, statute,  
17 constitutional provision, or other action" and that they be  
18 "authorized to operate educational programs beyond secondary  
19 education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate";  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Section 61.003, Texas Education Code, cites state  
22 universities by name and Section 61.063, Texas Education Code,  
23 establishes a process for naming public community colleges, but  
24 state law regards private institutions of higher education

1 differently; and

2           WHEREAS, Rather than naming them, Section 61.003, Texas  
3 Education Code, defines "private or independent institutions of  
4 higher education" as those institutions organized under the Texas  
5 Non-Profit Corporation Act, now part of the Texas Business  
6 Organizations Code, that are exempt from taxation under Article  
7 VIII, Section 2, Texas Constitution, and Section 501(c)(3),  
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that are accredited by the  
9 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and  
10 Schools, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or the  
11 American Bar Association; and

12           WHEREAS, Such institutions are exempt from Section 61.301,  
13 Texas Education Code, which provides for the "regulation of private  
14 postsecondary educational institutions," because they are  
15 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Texas Higher  
16 Education Coordinating Board; and

17           WHEREAS, The state is home to many institutions covered by  
18 Section 61.003, Texas Education Code, some of which have educated  
19 students since the mid-1800s, and all of which have been in  
20 operation for at least 20 years; each is eligible to participate in  
21 one or more state-funded student financial aid programs subject to  
22 audit by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and those  
23 that participate in such programs provide student enrollment and  
24 graduation data to the coordinating board for accountability  
25 purposes; moreover, consumer complaints about the institutions can  
26 be made to the Office of the Attorney General, consumer protection  
27 division, and complaints concerning financial impropriety and

1 ethical misconduct can be made to the Office of the Attorney  
2 General, charitable trust division; and

3       WHEREAS, The state's private postsecondary educational  
4 institutions include: Abilene Christian University, Amberton  
5 University, Austin College, Baylor University, Baylor College of  
6 Medicine, the College of St. Thomas More, Concordia University  
7 Texas, Dallas Baptist University, East Texas Baptist University,  
8 Hardin-Simmons University, Houston Baptist University, Howard  
9 Payne University, Huston-Tillotson University, Jacksonville  
10 College, Jarvis Christian College, Le Tourneau University, Lon  
11 Morris College, Lubbock Christian University, McMurry University,  
12 Our Lady of the Lake University, Parker University, Paul Quinn  
13 College, Rice University, St. Edward's University, St. Mary's  
14 University, Schreiner University, Southern Methodist University,  
15 South Texas College of Law, Southwestern University, Southwestern  
16 Adventist University, Southwestern Assemblies of God University,  
17 Southwestern Christian College, Texas Chiropractic College, Texas  
18 Christian University, Texas College, Texas Lutheran University,  
19 Texas Wesleyan University, Trinity University, University of  
20 Dallas, University of the Incarnate Word, University of Mary  
21 Hardin-Baylor, University of St. Thomas, Wayland Baptist  
22 University, and Wiley College; now, therefore, be it

23       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby notify the United States Department of Education that the  
25 aforementioned colleges and universities are authorized in the  
26 State of Texas to operate educational programs beyond secondary  
27 education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate,

1 and that therefore the State of Texas has met the conditions of 34  
2 C.F.R. Section 600.9; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
4 copies of this resolution to the secretary of education, to the  
5 president of each college and university named, to the president of  
6 the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the  
7 United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas  
8 delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be  
9 entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of  
10 the United States of America.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

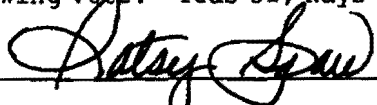
I certify that H.J.R. No. 130 was adopted by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 130 on May 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

H.J.R. No. 130

I certify that H.J.R. No. 130 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 18, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

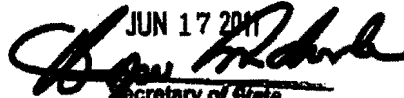
  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11

Date

  
Governor

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JUN 17 2011  
  
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Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State

The Honorable Melinda Reagan  
Amberton University  
1700 Eastgate Drive  
Garland, TX 75041

Dear President Reagan:

Enclosed is an official copy of House Concurrent Resolution 129, as passed by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, of the State of Texas. In this resolution, the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas is notifying the United States Department of Education that the career schools or colleges that are established and authorized to operate as an educational institution by the State of Texas by actions issued by an appropriate state agency, including the Texas Workforce Commission or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, are legally authorized by the State of Texas to operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate, and that therefore the State of Texas has met the conditions of 34 C.F.R. Section 600.9.

The 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas also requests that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States.

Sincerely,

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Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, On October 29, 2010, the United States Department of  
2 Education released Final Regulations on Program Integrity Issues in  
3 an effort to strengthen federal student aid programs at  
4 postsecondary institutions, and one provision seeks to clarify the  
5 minimum a state must do to authorize a postsecondary institution so  
6 that the institution is able to participate in federal student aid  
7 and other federal funding programs; and

8           WHEREAS, Specifically, 34 C.F.R. Section 600.9 was amended to  
9 require that a postsecondary institution "is established by name as  
10 an educational institution by a State through a charter, statute,  
11 constitutional provision, or other action issued by an appropriate  
12 State agency or State entity and is authorized to operate  
13 educational programs beyond secondary education, including  
14 programs leading to a degree or certificate"; and

15           WHEREAS, Texas law authorizes career schools or colleges to  
16 operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including  
17 programs leading to a degree or certificate; and

18           WHEREAS, Section 61.003, Education Code, cites state  
19 universities by name, and Section 61.063, Texas Education Code,  
20 establishes a process for naming public community colleges, but  
21 state law regards private institutions of higher education and  
22 private career schools or colleges differently; and

23           WHEREAS, Rather than naming them, Section 132.001, Education  
24 Code, defines "career school or college" as "any business

1 enterprise operated for a profit or on a nonprofit basis that  
2 maintains a place of business within this state or solicits  
3 business within this state, that is not specifically exempted by  
4 this chapter, and (A) that offers or maintains a course or courses  
5 of instruction or study; or (B) at which place of business such a  
6 course or courses of instruction or study are available through  
7 classroom instruction or by distance education, or both, to a  
8 person for the purpose of training or preparing the person for a  
9 field of endeavor in a business, trade, technical, or industrial  
10 occupation, or for a vocational or personal improvement"; and

11       WHEREAS, Each career school or college is established by name  
12 as an educational institution by the State of Texas by actions  
13 issued by an appropriate state agency, including the Texas  
14 Workforce Commission or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
15 Board, and is legally authorized by the State of Texas to operate  
16 educational programs beyond secondary education, including  
17 programs leading to a degree or certificate; and

18       WHEREAS, The state has a process to review and appropriately  
19 act on complaints concerning a career school or college, including  
20 enforcing applicable state laws; and

21       WHEREAS, Career schools or colleges comply with applicable  
22 state approval or licensure requirements and are established by the  
23 state on the basis of an authorization to conduct business in the  
24 state; now, therefore, be it

25       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
26 hereby notify the United States Department of Education that the  
27 career schools or colleges that are established and authorized to

1 operate by name as an educational institution by the State of Texas  
2 by actions issued by an appropriate state agency, including the  
3 Texas Workforce Commission or the Texas Higher Education  
4 Coordinating Board, are legally authorized by the State of Texas to  
5 operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including  
6 programs leading to a degree or certificate, and that therefore the  
7 State of Texas has met the conditions of 34 C.F.R. Section 600.9;  
8 and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
10 copies of this resolution to the secretary of education, to the  
11 president of each career school or college named, to the president  
12 of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the  
13 United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas  
14 delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be  
15 entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of  
16 the United States of America.

Patrick  
Torres  
Legler

Stephen Engel  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 129 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Hanes  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 129 was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Ratsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 Jun '11  
Date

RICK PERREY  
Governor

IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
4pm 10 O'CLOCK  
JUN 17 2011  
Hope Roberts  
Secretary of State

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

TO GRANT DEGREES



Issued to

Amber University.

*having qualified for exemptions as set forth in the Rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, pursuant to Subchapter G, Chapter 61, Title 3, Texas Education Code, is authorized to conduct courses and grant degrees in Texas. This certificate remains in effect and the institution continues in exempt status so long as it maintains accreditation standards acceptable to the Coordinating Board and as long as it makes no substantive change that exceeds the basis on which it is exempt.*

Issued and effective this 7th day of September, 1994.

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Commissioner of Higher Education