

**74-32,142. Proprietary schools; regulation of operations; powers, duties and functions of owners, officers, directors, agents and representatives preserved.** (a) On July 1, 1999, the proprietary schools shall be and hereby are transferred from regulation by the state board of education to regulation by the state board of regents. The state board of regents shall exercise such regulatory authority over the operation of proprietary schools as may be prescribed by law.

(b) On July 1, 1999, all of the powers, duties, functions, records and property of the state board of education relating to regulation of proprietary school operations shall be and are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the state board of regents.

(c) On and after July 1, 1999, the state board of regents shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the state board of education relating to regulation of proprietary school operations in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act. Every act performed by the state board of regents shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the state board of education in which such functions were vested prior to July 1, 1999.

(d) On and after July 1, 1999, whenever the state board of education, or words of like effect, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document relating to regulation of proprietary school operations, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the state board of regents.

(e) All rules and regulations, and all policies, orders and directives of the state board of education relating to proprietary school operations which are in existence on July 1, 1999, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the duly adopted rules and regulations or policies, orders and directives of the state board of regents until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(f) The unexpended balance of any appropriation for and any funds available to the state board of education for purposes relating to regulation of proprietary school operations shall be transferred to the state board of regents on July 1, 1999.

(g) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act, the transfer of regulation of the proprietary schools from the state board of education to regulation by the state board of regents shall not be construed in any manner so as to change or affect the operation of any proprietary school or to change or affect any existing power, duty or function of any owner, officer, director, agent or representative of a proprietary school.

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