

Senate BILL NO. 387

INTRODUCED BY *Lenora Boylan*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THE BOARD OF REGENTS WITH POWER TO REGULATE THE OFFERING IN MONTANA OF COLLEGE COURSES AND DEGREES BY ANY ENTITY; AND REPEALING SECTION 75-8502, R.C.M. 1947."

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Section 1. Approval of regents required for offering of courses and degrees -- standards. (1) No legal entity of any nature, whether or not its central offices are located in Montana, may offer courses in this state for college credit or grant degrees in this state, which courses or degrees are usually offered or granted by colleges or universities, without prior approval of the board of regents.

(2) The regents may prescribe standards to promote educational quality and ensure fiscal responsibility of entities offering such courses and degrees in Montana.

Section 2. Commissioner may seek injunction. Upon direction from the board of regents, the commissioner of higher education may institute civil proceedings to enjoin the offering of courses or issuance of degrees by an entity failing to meet the standards prescribed by the regents.

Section 3. Exemptions. [Sections 1 and 2] do not apply to:

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(2) entities which have licenses or permits from the department of business regulation as provided in Title 75, chapter 92.

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