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Amendment No. 1 to SB2305

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2305*

House Bill No. 2560

by adding the following subsections to Section 1 of the bill and re-designating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(c) As used in this section, "false academic degree" shall mean any degree issued that meets one of the following criteria:

(1) Issued without requiring any student academic work;

(2) Issued based solely on the student's life experience or portfolio without requiring any post secondary work submitted to and evaluated by faculty with appropriate academic degrees from an institution that is:

(A) accredited by a regional accrediting agency or other accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(B) authorized to operate in Tennessee pursuant to the provisions of Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20 relative to the authorization of post secondary institutions, or is exempted from authorization by the provisions of Section 49-7-2004; or

(3) Issued using no more than twenty five percent (25%) of required credits based on the student's life experience or portfolio.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an otherwise properly accredited and authorized institution from issuing honorary degrees recognizing distinguished individuals for service to the state, an institution or community.