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Academic Affairs Updates

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HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS



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► Refreshes the Degree and Program Approval process

- Requires the Commission to **consider outcomes** such as labor market alignment, job placement, credit for prior learning (CPL), and more.
- Requires the Commission to approve or disapprove a degree or program **within 90 days** of the institution submitting full and complete information.

► Degree and Program Review Implementation

- Any degree or program approved before July 1, 2025, must be reviewed by **July 1, 2035**.
- Any degree or program approved after June 30, 2025, must be reviewed once every **10 years**.

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► **Degree and Program Review Implementation**

- Requires the Commission to:
 - **Outline a process** for degree and program monitoring, improvement, suspension, and closure;
 - **Publish** a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency; and
 - **Publish** a CPL inventory.

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SEI DEGREE PROGRAM REVIEW

(SECTION 269)



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- ▶ Requires each SEI to review each degree program **once every 7 years**.
- ▶ SEIs **may align** degree program review cycles with **accreditation reviews** so long as the degree program review cycle does not exceed 7 years.
- ▶ The degree program review must include an analysis of **enrollment, qualitative data, and quantitative data**.
- ▶ SEIs shall use results of the degree program review for **improvement and adjustment** of degree programs.
 - ▶ **Adjustment** may include degree program:
 - ▶ enhancement;
 - ▶ maintenance;
 - ▶ reduction in scope; or
 - ▶ consolidation or elimination.
- ▶ Requires SEIs to post the degree program review on their website and submit the degree program review to the Commission.

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- ▶ Requires a **SEI** to request approval from the **Commission to continue a degree program** if the **average number of students** who graduate over the immediately 3 preceding years from the degree program is fewer than:
 - ▶ **10 students** at an **associate degree** program;
 - ▶ **15 students** for a **bachelor's degree** program;
 - ▶ **7 students** for a **master's degree** program;
 - ▶ **3 students** for a particular **education specialist** or **doctoral** program.
- ▶ If the **request is disapproved** by the Commission the **degree program and any associated costs** must be **eliminated** by the SEI.

QUESTIONS + DISCUSSION

