

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRIVATE BUSINESS AND VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is asked to authorize the Executive Director to establish an advisory council. This council will advise the Executive Director and the IBHE staff regarding the implementation and administration of the Private Business and Vocational Schools (PBVS) Act of 2012. Pursuant to Public Act 97-320, the oversight of the PBVS was transferred from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to the IBHE on February 1, 2012. In addition to the transfer, the law also changed how the program is to be administered.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the establishment of an advisory council to advise the Executive Director and the IBHE staff regarding implementation and administration of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012.

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It is requested that the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) authorize the establishment of an advisory council to advise the Executive Director; Deputy Director for Academic Affairs; and Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs, Budgeting, and Information Technology regarding the implementation of the Private Business and Vocational Schools (PBVS) Act of 2012 [Public Act 97-320]. The Deputy Director for Academic Affairs would chair the meetings of the council. The members of the council would be tasked with advising and assisting in the creation of policy to do the following:

- Carry out the intent of the PBVS Act of 2012;
- Protect the interests of the students;
- Enhance the ability of the schools to provide quality courses of instruction; and
- Offer recommendations as requested by the IBHE.

The 12-member council would be composed of the chair and 11 representatives who are residents of Illinois and are appointed by the Executive Director from applications submitted by the groups or individuals as specified below:

- Five owners or chief managing employees from five different Private Business and Vocational School institutions that reflect the diverse array of program offerings;
- An attorney from the Office of the Attorney General;
- Three educators approved to teach in a Private Business and Vocational School; and
- Two former students of a Private Business and Vocational School may also serve on the council as representatives of the general public if they have completed their training in the last five years and are not affiliated with any current or prospective institution.

Members of the council would serve without pay. However, they shall be reimbursed by the IBHE for travel expenses. Meetings will be conducted in the most economical means available, including teleconferences, webinars, and video conferences.

It is anticipated that the Deputy Director of Academic Affairs will convene the council at least three times prior to July 1, 2013. The council purpose, membership, and tasks will be re-evaluated by the Executive Director, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, and Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs, Budgeting, and Information Technology in 2013.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the establishment of an advisory council to advise the Executive Director and the IBHE staff regarding the administration of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 [Public Act 97-320].