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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Education Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b) of the Business and Professions Code provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender, cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
 - 5. Section 94932 of the Code states:

"The bureau shall determine an institution's compliance with the requirements of this chapter. The bureau shall have the power to require reports that institutions shall file with the bureau in addition to the annual report, to send staff to an institution's sites, and to require documents and responses from an institution to monitor compliance. When the bureau has reason to believe that an institution may be out of compliance, it shall conduct an investigation of the institution. If the bureau determines, after completing an investigation, that an institution has violated any applicable law or regulation, the bureau shall take appropriate action pursuant to this article."

6. Section 94933 of the Code states:

"The bureau shall provide an institution with the opportunity to remedy noncompliance, impose fines, place the institution on probation, or suspend or revoke the institution's approval to operate, in accordance with this article, as it deems appropriate based on the severity of an institution's violations of this chapter, and the harm caused to students."

- 7. Section 94937 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) As a consequence of an investigation, and upon a finding that an institution has committed a violation, the bureau may place an institution on probation or may suspend or revoke an institution's approval to operate for:
 - "(1) Obtaining an approval to operate by fraud.

- "(2) A material violation or repeated violations of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter that have resulted in harm to students. For purposes of this paragraph, "material violation" includes, but is not limited to, misrepresentation, fraud in the inducement of a contract, and false or misleading claims or advertising, upon which a student reasonably relied in executing an enrollment agreement and that resulted in harm to the student."
- 8. Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 75100:
- "(a) The Bureau may suspend, revoke or place on probation with terms and conditions an approval to operate.
- "(b) 'Material violation' as used in section 94937 of the Code includes committing any act that would be grounds for denial under section 480 of the Business and Professions Code.
- "(c) The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with Article 10 (commencing with Section 11445.10) of Chapter 4.5 or Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, as requested by the institution."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 9. Code section 94885 states:
- "(a) The bureau shall adopt by regulation minimum operating standards for an institution that shall reasonably ensure that all of the following occur:
 - "(1) The content of each educational program can achieve its stated objective.
 - "(2) The institution maintains specific written standards for student admissions for each educational program and those standards are related to the particular educational program.
 - "(3) The facilities, instructional equipment, and materials are sufficient to enable students to achieve the educational program's goals.
 - "(4) The institution maintains a withdrawal policy and provides refunds.
 - "(5) The directors, administrators, and faculty are properly qualified.

- "(6) The institution is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its commitments to students.
- "(7) That, upon satisfactory completion of an educational program, the institution gives students a document signifying the degree or diploma awarded.
- "(8) Adequate records and standard transcripts are maintained and are available to students.
- "(9) The institution is maintained and operated in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable ordinances and laws.
- "(b) Except as provided in Section 94855.1, an institution offering a degree must satisfy one of the following requirements:
 - "(i) Accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States

 Department of Education, with the scope of that accreditation covering the offering of at least one degree program by the institution.
 - "(ii) An accreditation plan, approved by the bureau, for the institution to become fully accredited within five years of the bureau's issuance of a provisional approval to operate to the institution. The provisional approval to operate to an unaccredited degree-offering institution shall be in compliance with Section 94885.5."
 - 10. Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 71745 states:
- "(a) The institution shall document that it has at all times sufficient assets and financial resources to do all of the following:
 - "(1) Provide all of the educational programs that the institution represented it would provide.
 - "(2) Ensure that all students admitted to its educational programs have a reasonable opportunity to complete the programs and obtain their degrees or diplomas.
 - "(3) Maintain the minimum standards required by the Act and this chapter.
 - "(4) Pay timely refunds as required by Article 13 of the Act.
 - "(5) Pay all operating expenses due within 30 days.

"(6) Maintain a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 1.25 to 1.00 or greater at
the end of the most recent fiscal year when using generally accepted accounting principles,
or for an institution participating in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965,
meet the composite score requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. For the
purposes of this section, current assets does not include: intangible assets, including
goodwill, going concern value, organization expense, startup costs, long-term prepayment
of deferred charges, and non-returnable deposits, or state or federal grant or loan funds that
are not the property of the institution but are held for future disbursement for the benefit of
students. Unearned tuition shall be accounted for in accordance with general accepted
accounting principles.

- "(b) At an institution's request, the Bureau may consider the financial resources of a parent company if the parent company, as defined by section 94853 of the Code, meets and maintains all of the following provisions:
 - "(1) consents in writing to be sued in California;
 - "(2) consents in writing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau with respect to the institution's regulation under the Act and this Chapter;
 - "(3) designates and maintains an agent for service of process, consistent with section 74190;
 - "(4) agrees in writing to pay any refund, claim, penalty, or judgment that the institution is obligated to pay; and
 - "(5) files financial reports, maintains financial records, and consents in writing to permit the inspection and copying of financial records to the same extent as is required of the institution.
- "(c) An institution shall provide to the Bureau its most current financial statements upon request."

COSTS

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of

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