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An Act relating to Educational Standards

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BE IT ENACTED, by the Office of the Prime Minister of the New Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions, with the advice and consent of the Imperial Parliament thereof, as follows:

Introduction

Noting that there exists an interest in the establishment of private colleges and educational institutions, and seeking to establish guidelines and protections for all involved, this act seeks to achieve that aim.

Licensure

All individuals seeking to establish a private college or university must apply for a license with the Ministry of Education. There is a 1,000Sr fee attached to this application for colleges, and a 5,000Sr fee for universities. The Ministry of Education shall conduct thorough audits of all applicants for a license. This seeks to ensure that course content is actually being taught and students get what they pay for. The Ministry will seek to further ensure that all course content is accurate, informative, useful, and relevant. If these, or any other unspecified defect is found, the application will be denied, with a reason given so the applicant has the chance to rectify it.

Levels of Degrees

There shall be three “tiers” of degrees, each more prestigious than the previous - bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate. Each is progressively harder to achieve on all fronts. A bachelor’s degree will have less requisite reading, writing, etc than a master’s, and so on. This will inevitably vary the amount of course content for these tiers. Bachelor’s Degrees can be awarded by licensed universities and colleges. Only universities can award Master’s Degrees and Doctoral Degrees.

Costs to Students

There shall be a minimum admission of 1,000Sr for a bachelor’s program. The admission for said program shall be no more than 4,000Sr. A master’s program shall cost no less than 2,000Sr, and not more than 8,000Sr. A Doctorate program shall cost no less than 5,000Sr, and no more than 20,000Sr.

Course Content and Testing Standards

Every applicant for a degree program must demonstrate that there is a final exam in place, of some shape or form. Many of these can take the form of multiple choice exams. However, the Ministry of Education reserves the right to refuse any exam that does not benefit its course content. For example, for a music composition course, the course content would not typically benefit a multiple choice final exam. There shall be a minimum standard of fifteen to thirty slides - ten pages of text or so - worth of course content, or “teaching slides”, for Bachelor’s programs. Typically, two to three assignments in addition to the final exam is satisfactory. This minimum is extended to an additional fifteen to twenty slides - fifteen pages of text or so - for Master’s programs. An additional one to three assignments are typical. Doctorate programs shall require a grand, final assignment of a thesis or another worthy assignment as determined by the Ministry and its scholars, shall be assigned.