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Institutions of Higher Learning. *Pass 3/15 as amended*

House File 251

By STOKES.

Passed House, Date *4-8-63*

Passed Senate, Date *5-3-63*

Vote: Ayes *103* Nays *0*

Vote: Ayes *42* Nays *0*

Approved *5-9-63*

*Passed on file 4/9  
Schools etc 4/15  
Defining Com. Cal. 5/2*

# A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the power of academic corporations to confer degrees.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section five hundred four point twelve (504.12),
- 2 Code 1962, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new para-
- 3 graph as follows:
- 4 "Where academic corporations are united, the work of compara-
- 5 ble academic status, taken in the other corporation or corpora-
- 6 tions, shall be considered as suitable for inclusion in the year
- 7 of resident work required for a degree. This shall include
- 8 academic corporations outside the state of Iowa that may be
- 9 united with Iowa academic corporations."

## EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 251

This bill would permit a college to grant a degree to a student who had completed the required course of study although such study was completed in an affiliated college in another state.

As the present law reads, it is necessary for the person receiving a degree for which compensation is paid to reside within the bounds of the state of Iowa for the equivalent of one academic year.

As the proposal is worded, the term "comparable academic institutions" places a responsibility upon the college to make sure that work of a collegiate quality would be required for the degree. The revision makes possible the inclusion of work taken outside of the state in academic corporations whose work the degree granting institution regards as the quality of work for which it would normally give credit. No accredited institution (and in the case of a four-year college this would mean accredited by the regional accrediting association) would dare to extend credit of questionable merit where its activities are under the regular scrutiny of the accrediting association.

If this law is passed an injustice will be rectified and the protection of the status of earned academic degrees in Iowa will continue to enjoy the kind of safeguards so necessary.

## HOUSE FILE 251

- 1 Amend House File 251 as follows:
- 2 By striking lines 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Section 1 and substituting
- 3 in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "Where academic corporations are merged and the surviving
- 5 academic corporation is located in Iowa, then the work of comparable
- 6 academic status, taken in the other academic corporation or corpora-
- 7 tions, shall be considered as suitable for inclusion in the year of
- 8 resident work required for a degree. This shall include academic
- 9 corporations outside the state of Iowa that may be merged with Iowa
- 10 academic corporations."

*adopted 4/8*

Filed  
March 15, 1963.

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING,  
GEORGE PAUL, *Chairman.*