

STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY A RECIPIENT TO TEACH UNLESS THE INSTITUTION ~~IS ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ HAS RECEIVED:

(I) NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; OR

(II) A WAIVER UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT MAY GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS TO:

(I) ANY LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE WITH A FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS; AND

(II) ANY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS SPECIALIZING IN MUSIC OR ART.

(C) (1) BY JULY 1, 2000, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT OFFERS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY A RECIPIENT TO TEACH MUST:

(I) FILE ITS INTENT TO SEEK NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL; OR;

(II) CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT ~~IS FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ HAS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION; OR

(III) HAVE RECEIVED A WAIVER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING AGENCY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) (1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ ACCREDITING AGENCIES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT SEEK ACCREDITATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY:

(I) ANY FEE THAT ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING AGENCY CHARGES AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS;

(II) ANY TRAINING FEE THAT ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING AGENCY CHARGES A STATE REPRESENTATIVE WHO SERVES WITH A REVIEW TEAM OF ~~THE NATIONAL COUNCIL~~ AN ACCREDITING AGENCY IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ACCREDITATION VISIT TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; AND