

provide staff report for interstate compacts on higher education. These are a couple of ideas that were floating around this Legislature and if they were to pass, clarifies that the commission will be the ones that deal with those. Three, it directs the commission to study the issue of licensing of private vocational schools and whether such should be transferred from the state board to the commission. In haste, when we drafted the bill, we looked at the fact that private vocational schools are now licensed by the State Board of Education. We thought maybe this is something the coordinating commission should do. At the committee hearing there were some problems brought to our attention with that approach so we're asking that the commission study that and not make the switch. Number four, it authorizes the commission to participate on telecommunications coordinating committee such as NEB-SAT, coordinating council allows representatives from private independent colleges to participate in the commission activities, planning telecommunications assisted instructions. Five, it adopts the appropriate procedures for notice hearings and adoption of rules and regulations makes that consistent with Administrative Procedures Act. Six, it provides a definition of capital construction projects which must be approved by the commission. That definition is a \$500,000 limitation. Seven, provides a number of transition rules regarding contract staffing, program review, et cetera, et cetera. Clarifies the reasons for which commission members may be removed by the governor for cause. It clarifies references to the data system the commission will use. It provides for communication with governing boards as opposed to directly to institutions. The communications, at least formally, need to go through the boards. Clarifies language in the comprehensive planning section with regard to policies for transfer of credit tuition levels, admissions, et cetera. This is kind of a key point so maybe I need to talk about this a second or two. The key to understanding what the coordinating commission should do is, it deals with coordination issues, governance remains with the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees and the locally elected communication, locally elected community college boards. The commission is to examine in its statewide plan, make some recommendations in areas of transfer of credit tuition levels, admissions, et cetera, that are governance issues. Those governing boards were concerned when they say that the coordinating commission was going to be establishing policies in this area. They said we ought to use words like recommendations, more...less strong words than policies. We