**CHAPTER 159**
**HB 513 - FINAL VERSION**

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HOUSE BILL ***513***

AN ACT relative to the degree granting authority of Signum university and relative to the authority of the higher education commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. Allard, Merr. 21; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Rep. Boehm, Hills. 20

COMMITTEE: Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires approval by the higher education commission as a prerequisite to the granting of a degree by an educational institution. The bill also authorizes Signum university to grant degrees, subject to approval by the higher education commission.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

159:1 Higher Education Corporations; Granting of Degrees. Amend RSA 292:8-h, II to read as follows:

II. No educational institution shall grant degrees unless ***approved by the higher education commission and*** authorized by name to do so by an act of the legislature.

159:2 Signum University; Authority to Grant Degrees. Signum University is hereby granted authority to confer degrees upon its graduates subject to the authority of the higher education commission under RSA 21-N:8-a. The degrees shall be specified by the higher education commission as provided in RSA 292:8-h, III.

159:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 29, 2021
Effective Date: July 29, 2021