
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 922 (File 98, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT PROHIBITING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM WITHHOLDING TRANSCRIPTS.

SUMMARY

This bill generally prohibits Connecticut higher education institutions from withholding a student's transcript from a student's employer, prospective employer, or a branch of the U.S. military because the student owes the institution a debt.

Specifically, under the bill, Connecticut higher education institutions cannot:

1. refuse to give a current or former student's transcript to one of these entities because he or she owes the institution a debt,
2. condition a transcript's release to one of these entities upon debt payment,
3. charge a higher fee for providing the transcript to one of these entities because the student owes a debt, or
4. use transcript release as a debt collection method.

Under the bill, "debt" is an obligation, claim, or sum that the student owes or allegedly owes to a higher education institution, but excludes any fee related to the actual cost of releasing a transcript.

*Senate Amendment "A" delays the effective date from July 1, 2023, to October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 4 (02/28/2023)