



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 922

LCO No. 3119



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "debt" means an obligation, claim or sum that is due or alleged to be due
3 to an institution of higher education from a student. "Debt" does not
4 include a fee, if any, charged for the actual cost of providing a transcript
5 to a student.

6 (b) No institution of higher education in the state shall (1) upon
7 receiving a request or permission from a student who is currently or was
8 formerly enrolled at such institution, refuse to provide a transcript to an
9 employer or prospective employer of such student or to any branch of
10 the military service of the United States because such student owes a
11 debt, (2) condition the provision of a transcript to an employer,
12 prospective employer or any branch of the military service of the United
13 States on the payment of a debt, (3) charge a fee for the provision of a
14 transcript to an employer, prospective employer or any branch of the

15 military service of the United States that is higher than the actual cost of
16 providing the transcript because such student owes a debt, or (4) use the
17 issuance of a transcript to an employer, prospective employer or any
18 branch of the military service of the United States as a method to collect
19 a debt.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit institutions of higher education from withholding student transcripts from employers, prospective employers or any branch of the military service of the United States as a means to collect a student debt.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]