



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 922

January Session, 2023



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
3 due to an institution of higher education from a student. "Debt" does
4 not include a fee, if any, charged for the actual cost of providing a
5 transcript to a student.

6 (b) No institution of higher education in the state shall (1) upon
7 receiving a request or permission to provide a transcript from a
8 student who is currently or was formerly enrolled at such institution,
9 refuse to provide a transcript to an employer or prospective employer
10 of such student or to any branch of the military service of the United
11 States because such student owes a debt, (2) condition the provision of
12 a transcript to an employer, prospective employer or any branch of the
13 military service of the United States on the payment of a debt, (3)
14 charge a fee for the provision of a transcript to an employer,
15 prospective employer or any branch of the military service of the
16 United States that is higher than the actual cost of providing the
17 transcript because such student owes a debt, or (4) use the provision of
18 a transcript to an employer, prospective employer or any branch of the
19 military service of the United States as a method to collect a debt.

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

In Subsec. (b)(1), "to provide a transcript" was added after "permission" for clarity, and in Subsec. (b)(4), "issuance" was changed to "provision" for internal consistency.

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*