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SUMMARY

- Requires state and private institutions of higher education to release student transcripts regardless of student-owed institutional debt.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill prohibits any state college or university, private nonprofit college or university, or private for-profit career college or school from doing any of the following:

1. Refusing to provide a transcript for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt to the institution;
2. Conditioning the provision of a transcript on the payment of an institutional debt, other than a fee charged to provide the transcript;
3. Charging a higher fee for obtaining a transcript, or provide less favorable treatment of a transcript request, because a student owes an institutional debt; or
4. Using transcript issuance as a tool for debt collection.¹

Under current law, not affected by the bill, state colleges and universities must certify student debts to the Attorney General within 45 days past the due date, or ten days into the next semester, quarter, or session, whichever is later.²

¹ R.C. 3345.60.

² R.C. 131.02, not in the bill.

HISTORY

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