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A BILL

To enact section 3345.60 of the Revised Code to
require institutions of higher education to
release student transcripts regardless of
student-owed institutional debt.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3345.60 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3345.60. (A) No institution of higher education shall
do any of the following:

(1) Refuse to provide a transcript for a current or former
student on the grounds that the student owes a debt to the
institution;

(2) Condition the provision of a transcript on the payment
of an institutional debt, other than a fee charged to provide
the transcript;

(3) Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript, or
provide less favorable treatment of a transcript request,
because a student owes an institutional debt;

(4) Use transcript issuance as a tool for debt collection.

(B) As used in this section, "institution of higher education" includes all of the following:

(1) A state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(2) A private, nonprofit institution in this state holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(3) A career college or school that holds a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code or a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, if the program has a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code.