

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 424

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Including House Amendments dated May 16

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, KNOPP, Representative BYNUM, Senator WAGNER; Senators FINDLEY, FREDERICK, LIEBER, SOLLMAN, WEBER, Representatives BOWMAN, MARSH, RUIZ, SOSA (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Prohibits post-secondary institutions of education that are based in Oregon from refusing to provide transcript to current or former student because student owes debt to institution.

Requires institutions to submit report to Higher Education Coordinating Commission by September 15, 2024, detailing [*policies relating to providing transcripts and transcript holds*] **number of current and former students who owe debt to institution and institution's policy and procedures on phasing out transcript holds.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transcript policies at post-secondary institutions of education.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) A post-secondary institution of education that is based in this state may not:

(a) Refuse to provide a transcript for a current or former student because the student owes a debt to the institution;

(b) Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript to a current or former student because the student owes a debt to the institution; or

(c) Use the issuance of a transcript as a tool for debt collection.

(2) As used in this section:

(a)(A) "Debt" means any money, obligation, claim or sum, due or owed, or alleged to be due or owed, from a student that appears on the student's account at the post-secondary institution of education.

(B) "Debt" does not mean the fee, if any, that is charged to all students for the actual cost of providing a transcript.

(b) "Transcript" means the statement of a student's academic record, including an official transcript, a certified statement of a student's academic record or an uncertified statement of a student's academic record, that is provided by a post-secondary institution of education.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act first applies to the 2024-2025 academic year.

SECTION 3. No later than September 15, 2024, each post-secondary institution of education that is based in this state shall file a report with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The report shall include the following information for the 2023-2024 academic year:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(1) The number of current and former students at the institution who owe a debt to the**
2 **institution; and**

3 **(2) The institution's policy and procedures on phasing out transcript holds.**

4 **SECTION 4.** **Section 3 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 2, 2025.**

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