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H.B. No. 3498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript  
3 include the average or median grade awarded in each class.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 51.979 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.979. TRANSPARENCY IN STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS. (a) In  
8 this section, "general academic teaching institution" has the  
9 meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

10 (b) Each general academic teaching institution shall  
11 include on a student's transcript, for each class attempted by the  
12 student, the average grade that was awarded to all students in the  
13 class. For a class for which letter grades are awarded, the  
14 institution shall include on the transcript the median grade that  
15 was awarded to all students in the class. The institution shall  
16 place the average or median grade, as applicable, immediately to  
17 the right of the student's individual grade.

18 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a class:

19 (1) offered to students solely on a pass-fail basis or  
20 for independent study credit; or

21 (2) in which grades are reported for 10 students or  
22 fewer.

23 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
24 adopt rules to administer this section.

1           SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
2 shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.979, Education Code,  
3 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes  
4 effect. For that purpose, the coordinating board may adopt the  
5 initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

6           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies  
7 beginning with the 2013 fall semester.

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.