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S.B. No. 499

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:

13 (1) the average grade awarded to all students in the
14 class; or

15 (2) for a class for which letter grades are awarded to
16 all students in the class, the median grade awarded.

17 (c) The institution shall place the average or median grade,
18 as applicable, immediately to the right of the student's individual
19 grade.

20 (d) This section does not apply to a class:

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

23 (2) in which grades are reported for 10 students or
24 fewer.

1 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2 adopt rules to administer this section.

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

8 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
9 beginning with the 2015 fall semester.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.