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H.B. No. 122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a requirement that a public or private institution of
3 higher education include a disciplinary notation on a student's
4 transcript under certain circumstances.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 51.9364 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9364. CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY NOTATIONS REQUIRED ON
9 STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS. (a) In this section, "postsecondary
10 educational institution" means an institution of higher education
11 or a private or independent institution of higher education, as
12 those terms are defined by Section 61.003.

13 (b) If a postsecondary educational institution suspends or
14 expels a student from the institution for any reason, the
15 institution shall include on the student's transcript a
16 disciplinary notation stating that the student was suspended or
17 expelled, as applicable, from the institution.

18 (c) If a student withdraws from a postsecondary educational
19 institution pending disciplinary charges that may result in the
20 student's suspension or expulsion from the institution, the
21 institution may not end the disciplinary process until the
22 institution makes a final determination of responsibility,
23 including, if applicable, a determination of whether to suspend or
24 expel the student from the institution as a result. If the

1 institution suspends or expels the student from the institution,
2 the institution shall include a disciplinary notation on the
3 student's transcript stating that the student was suspended or
4 expelled, as applicable, from the institution.

5 (d) On request by the student, a postsecondary educational
6 institution may remove from a student's transcript a disciplinary
7 notation indicating the student's suspension or expulsion, as
8 applicable, from the institution if the institution determines
9 that:

10 (1) each condition of the suspension has been
11 fulfilled, if applicable; or

12 (2) good cause exists to remove the notation.

13 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
14 adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

15 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
16 shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.9364, Education Code,
17 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes
18 effect.

19 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
20 beginning with the 2018 spring semester.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
26 legislative session.