

By: Johnson of Harris

H.B. No. 1179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall 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 2017 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, 2017.