

By: Rodriguez of Bexar

H.B. No. 2156

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2156:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of a repository of student transcripts for certain private postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing fees and providing administrative penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.315, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.315. AGENTS AND RECORDS; TRANSCRIPT REPOSITORY FOR CERTAIN CLOSED INSTITUTIONS AND RELATED FEES. (a) The authorized or certified institutions may be required to furnish a list of their agents to the board, and to maintain records of students enrolled, credits awarded, and degrees awarded in a manner specified by the board.

(b) The board shall maintain a repository for student transcripts from closed institutions that were issued a certificate of authority under Section 61.306 or a certificate of authorization under Section 61.303. The board may charge a fee to students requesting transcript copies maintained in the repository, not to exceed the cost of retrieving, reproducing, and sending the transcript copies.

(c) An institution that was issued a certificate of authority under Section 61.306 or a certificate of authorization under Section 61.303 shall provide its student transcript records

1 to the board in the format specified by the board for inclusion in
2 the repository at least biennially and on or immediately before the
3 date of closing.

4 (d) The board may adopt rules for the administration of this
5 section.

6 SECTION 2. Section 61.316, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (e-2) to read as follows:

8 (e-2) Any institution that was issued a certificate of
9 authority under Section 61.306 or a certificate of authorization
10 under Section 61.303 that fails to provide student transcript
11 records to the board as required under Section 61.315 shall be
12 assessed an administrative penalty of not less than \$100 or more
13 than \$500 for each student whose transcript was not provided.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.