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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.

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. 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. A closed or closing institution that was issued a certificate of authority under Section 61.306 shall provide its student transcript records to the board in the format specified by the board for inclusion in the repository.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.