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S.B. No. 2079

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" and "public  
9 junior college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

10 (b) Each general academic teaching institution and each  
11 public junior college shall include on a student's transcript, for  
12 each class attempted by the student, the average grade that was  
13 awarded to all students in the class. For a class for which letter  
14 grades are awarded, the institution or college shall include on the  
15 transcript the median grade of the letter grades awarded in the  
16 class. The institution or college shall place the average or median  
17 grade, as applicable, immediately to the right of the student's  
18 individual grade.

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

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

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

24 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall

1 adopt rules to administer this section.

2           SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
3 shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.979, Education Code,  
4 as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2020.

5           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies  
6 beginning with classes offered in the 2022 fall semester.

7           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.