

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 2079
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 28, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 8, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 8, 2017, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Buckingham		X		
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Watson	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2079 By: Menéndez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript
 1-20 include the average or median grade awarded in each class.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 51.979 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 51.979. TRANSPARENCY IN STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS. (a) In
 1-25 this section, "general academic teaching institution" and "public
 1-26 junior college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

1-27 (b) Each general academic teaching institution and each
 1-28 public junior college shall include on a student's transcript, for
 1-29 each class attempted by the student, the average grade that was
 1-30 awarded to all students in the class. For a class for which letter
 1-31 grades are awarded, the institution or college shall include on the
 1-32 transcript the median grade of the letter grades awarded in the
 1-33 class. The institution or college shall place the average or median
 1-34 grade, as applicable, immediately to the right of the student's
 1-35 individual grade.

1-36 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a class:

1-37 (1) offered to students solely on a pass-fail basis or
 1-38 for independent study credit; or

1-39 (2) in which grades are reported for 10 students or
 1-40 fewer.

1-41 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
 1-42 adopt rules to administer this section.

1-43 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 1-44 shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.979, Education Code,
 1-45 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes
 1-46 effect.

1-47 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
 1-48 beginning with classes offered in the 2018 spring semester.

1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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