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H.B. No. 271

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to student access of career school and college transcripts
3 and certificates of completion of training.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 132.062, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 132.062. WITHHOLDING RECORDS. (a) for the purposes of
8 this chapter, a student is considered to be in "good standing" if
9 they have made satisfactory, consistent, and affordable payments
10 on an outstanding debt obligation for a minimum of six months.

11 (a-1) Payments toward outstanding debt obligations must be
12 based on the student's individual income.

13 (b) A career school or college may not withhold a student's
14 transcript or certificate of completion of training ~~until~~ if the
15 student is in good standing with ~~has fulfilled the student's~~
16 ~~financial obligation to~~ the school or college.

17 (c) A career school or college may not charge a student for a
18 transcript or certificate of completion of training more than the
19 cost of materials used to print, mail, or electronically send
20 official transcripts or certificates of completion of training.

21 SECTION 2. Section 52.057, Education Code, Subsection
22 (2)(b) is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) The person shall pay the applicable amount to the
24 institution not later than the 30th day after the date the person is

1 notified of the person's liability for the amount owed. After
2 receiving the notice and until the amount is paid in full, the
3 person is not entitled to receive from the institution a
4 certificate or diploma, if not yet awarded on the date of the
5 notice, ~~or official transcript that is based at least partially on~~
6 ~~or includes credit for courses taken~~ while the person was
7 erroneously classified as a resident of this state.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.