A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to a requirement that a public or private institution of
higher education include a notation on a student's transcript under
certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 51.9364 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9364. CERTAIN NOTATIONS REQUIRED ON STUDENT
TRANSCRIPTS. (a) In this section, "postsecondary educational
institution" means an institution of higher education or a private
or independent institution of higher education, as those terms are
defined by Section 61.003.

(b) If a student is ineligible to reenroll in a
postsecondary educational institution for a reason other than an
academic or financial reason, the institution shall include on the
student's transcript a notation stating that the student is
ineligible to reenroll in the institution for a reason other than an
academic or financial reason.

(c) If a student withdraws from a postsecondary educational
institution pending disciplinary charges that may result in the
student becoming ineligible to reenroll in the institution for a
reason other than an academic or financial reason, the institution
may not end the disciplinary process until the institution makes a
final determination of responsibility, including, if applicable, a
1 determination of whether the student will be ineligible to reenroll
2 in the institution for a reason other than an academic or financial
3 reason. If, as a result of the disciplinary process, the student is
4 ineligible to reenroll in the institution for a reason other than an
5 academic or financial reason, the institution shall include on the
6 student's transcript the notation required under Subsection (b).
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8 (d) On request by the student, a postsecondary educational
9 institution may remove from a student's transcript a notation
10 required under this section if:
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12 (1) the student is eligible to reenroll in the
13 institution; or
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15 (2) the institution determines that good cause exists
16 to remove the notation.
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18 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
19 adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. In adopting
20 those rules, the coordinating board shall use the negotiated
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23 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
24 shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.9364, Education Code,
25 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes
26 effect.
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28 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
29 beginning with the 2019 fall semester.
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31 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.