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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a transcript by a postsecondary educational institution to a student who is in default on certain student loans.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 51.9715, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c)  A postsecondary educational institution may not refuse to issue a transcript to a current or former student based solely on the student's default on a student loan administered by the coordinating board.

(d)  If a postsecondary educational institution charges a fee in connection with the issuance of a transcript under this section, the amount of the fee must be the same for each student regardless of whether the student is in default on a student loan administered by the coordinating board.

(e)  In this section:

(1)  "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2)  "Postsecondary educational institution" includes an institution of higher education and a private or independent institution of higher education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.