
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits certain postsecondary education institutions from withholding certain services when a student has an outstanding debt with the institution or a federal loan in default.

Present law authorizes public postsecondary education management boards to adopt policies to prohibit the institutions under their supervision and management from doing any of the following because of student debt, including but not limited to federal loans in default:

- (1) Withhold records, including transcripts, grades, and diplomas.
- (2) Condition providing a transcript on debt payment, other than the fee charged for a transcript, or requiring the student to enter into a debt repayment plan.
- (3) Charge a higher fee for a transcript or otherwise treat a student less favorably than a student without a debt.
- (4) Withhold a transcript as a tool for debt collection.

Proposed law requires, instead of authorizes, the adoption of such policies.

(Amends R.S. 17:3391(B)(intro. para.))