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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 49

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 49, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Student Debt Assistance Act is amended by
6 changing Section 15 and by adding Sections 30 and 35 as
7 follows:

8 (110 ILCS 66/15)

9 Sec. 15. Withholding of official transcripts.

10 (a) An institution of higher education:

11 (1) must provide an official transcript of a current
12 or former student ~~to a current or potential employer,~~ even
13 if the current or former student owes a debt if the student
14 requests the official transcript to:

15 (A) complete a job application;

16 (B) transfer from one institution of higher

1 education to another;

2 (C) apply for State, federal, or institutional
3 financial aid;

4 (D) join the United States Armed Forces or
5 Illinois National Guard; or

6 (E) pursue other postsecondary opportunities;

7 (2) may not condition the provision of an official
8 transcript to a current or potential employer on the
9 payment of a debt, other than a fee charged to provide the
10 transcript; and

11 (3) may not charge a higher fee for providing
12 ~~transferring~~ an official transcript ~~to a current or~~
13 ~~potential employer~~ or provide less favorable treatment for
14 such a request because a current or former student owes a
15 debt.

16 (b) Nothing in this Section prohibits an institution of
17 higher education from adopting a more lenient policy on
18 providing an official transcript to a current or former
19 student who owes a debt.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-998, eff. 5-27-22.)

21 (110 ILCS 66/30 new)

22 Sec. 30. Past-due debt policy.

23 (a) Beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, each
24 institution of higher education shall adopt a policy that
25 outlines the process by which a current or former student may

1 obtain a transcript or diploma that has been withheld from the
2 student because the student owes a debt. At a minimum, the
3 policy must include:

4 (1) a reasonable process for the verification of
5 conditions a current or former student may demonstrate to
6 receive an exemption pursuant to Section 15 of this Act;
7 and

8 (2) identification of the point at which a student may
9 be subject to a transcript, diploma, or registration hold,
10 including the time frames and amounts for which the holds
11 are to be used and the lowest amount of debt at which the
12 institution will assign debt to a third-party collection
13 agency.

14 (b) The institution of higher education shall post the
15 policy described in subsection (a) of this Section and the
16 procedures for filing a complaint with the Attorney General's
17 student loan ombudsperson and an administrator of the
18 institution of higher education on the institution of higher
19 education's website and shall provide the policy and the
20 procedures to students as part of the information the
21 institution of higher education shares relating to the cost of
22 attendance that includes any additional fees, financial aid,
23 scholarships, or other information.

24 (c) The institution of higher education does not need to
25 institute a new policy under this amendatory Act of the 103rd
26 General Assembly if the institution's current policy meets the

1 minimum requirements of this Section.

2 (110 ILCS 66/35 new)

3 Sec. 35. Reporting. On or before July 1, 2024 and on or
4 before each July 1 thereafter, each institution of higher
5 education shall report to either the Board of Higher Education
6 or the Illinois Community College Board, whichever is
7 appropriate, information regarding financial-based transcript
8 and registration holds, which must include:

9 (1) reporting the institution of higher education's
10 policy developed pursuant to Section 30 of this Act; and

11 (2) reporting the number of students for whom the
12 institution of higher education has withheld official
13 transcripts, diplomas, or registration privileges, using
14 data from the previous academic year.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.".