

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2785

By: Munson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; prohibiting state educational institutions from refusing to provide certain student transcripts; banning conditional release of transcripts; proscribing higher fees or less favorable treatment for certain requests; defining term; construing provision; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.16 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A state educational institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall not:

1. Refuse to provide a transcript of a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt to the institution;

2. Condition the provision of a transcript on the payment of a debt, other than a fee charged to provide the transcript; or

3. Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript or provide less favorable treatment of a transcript request because a current or former student owes a debt to the institution.

B. As used in this section, "debt" means any money, obligation, claim, or sum, due or owing, or alleged to be due or owing, from a current or former student, but shall not include the fee, if any, charged to all students for the actual costs of providing transcripts.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the institution to forgive or cancel a debt owed by a current or former student to the institution.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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