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

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to students with outstanding debt. Prohibits a La. public postsecondary education institutions from doing the following because of debt:

- (1) Refuse to provide a transcript.
- (2) Condition providing a transcript on debt payment other than the standard fee charged for a transcript.
- (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.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to students who are in default on a federal loan. Prohibits postsecondary education institutions from withholding release of records, including transcripts, grades, and diplomas due to a student's defaulting on a loan.

(Adds R.S. 17:3391)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Limit the applicability of proposed law to La. public colleges and universities.