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## DIGEST

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HB 676 Reengrossed

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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.

Proposed law provides relative to students with outstanding debt. Prohibits certain 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.

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

Proposed law applies to the following postsecondary education institutions:

- (1) A public college or university in La.
- (2) A school that has a valid and current certificate of registration issued by the La. State Bd. of Cosmetology in accordance with law and that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.
- (3) A proprietary school that has a valid and current license issued by the Bd. of Regents in accordance with law and that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

(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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make proposed law applicable to proprietary schools and schools registered with the board of cosmetology to which TOPS payments may be made.