

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 676

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Emerson

**HIGHER EDUCATION: Prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from withholding certain student services for financial reasons**

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DIGEST

Proposed law allows 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:

- (1) Refuse to provide a transcript.
- (2) Condition providing a transcript on debt payment other than the standard fee charged for a transcript or requiring a 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.
- (5) Withhold grades, diplomas, course registration, or transcripts of students in default on a federal 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.

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill

1. Changes the law from a required prohibition to allowing public postsecondary education management boards to adopt policies to prohibit their member institutions from withholding certain services of students with debt or in default.