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HOUSE BILL NO. 972

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHAM.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to higher education transcripts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.061, to read as follows:

173.061. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Debt", any moneys, obligation, claim, or sum due or owing or alleged to be due or owing from a student, excluding any fee charged to all students for the actual costs of providing transcripts;

(2) "Institution of higher education", any public or private postsecondary educational institution subject to regulation by the coordinating board for higher education that provides transcripts to current or former students of such educational institution.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no institution of higher education shall:

(1) Refuse to provide a transcript for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt;

(2) Condition the provision of a transcript on the payment of a debt;

(3) Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript or provide less favorable treatment of a transcript request because a student owes a debt; or

(4) Use transcript issuance as a tool for debt collection.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.