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AN ACT relating to higher education; requiring the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish certain policies and procedures that ensure certain students are able to access or obtain official and unofficial transcripts; prohibiting an institution with the Nevada System of Higher Education from charging students that owe a debt to the System or an institution within the System a higher fee to obtain a transcript; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing policy of the Nevada System of Higher Education prohibits a current or former student of an institution within the System from receiving an academic transcript if they have a delinquent account of \$100 or more or an overdue loan of any amount with any institution within the System. (*Board of Regents Handbook*, title 4, ch. 17, sec. 2) This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish policies and procedures which: (1) enable current and former students, including students who owe a debt to the system or an institution within the system, to access unofficial transcripts at any time; (2) enable current and former students, including students who owe a debt to the system or an institution within the system, to obtain an official transcript or have an official transcript transmitted to a third party; and (3) prohibit an institution within the System from charging a current or former student a higher fee to obtain a transcript or have a transcript transmitted to a third party because the student owes a debt.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

***1. The Board of Regents shall establish policies and procedures governing student transcripts that, without limitation:***

***(a) Enable each current and former student, including, without limitation, a student who owes a debt, to access his or her unofficial transcript at all times;***

***(b) Enable each current and former student, including, without limitation, a student who owes a debt, to obtain or have transmitted to a third party an official transcript; and***

***(c) Prohibit an institution within the System from charging a higher fee to a current or former student who owes a debt than is charged to a student who does not owe a debt to:***

***(1) Obtain an official or unofficial transcript; or***



*(2) Have the institution transmit an official transcript to a third party.*

*2. As used in this section:*

*(a) “Debt” means any money, fee, fine, loan, obligation, claim or sum due or owing or alleged to be due or owing from a current or former student to the System or an institution within the System. The term does not include any fee that is charged to a current or former student for the actual cost of providing an academic transcript to a student.*

*(b) “Institution” means any university, state college or community college.*

*(c) “Official transcript” means the academic transcript or a similar academic record of each current or former student of an institution that is deemed official, authenticated, certified or bona fide and that contains information customarily provided on an official academic transcript, including, without limitation, courses taken, terms, grades, degrees or credentials conferred and any other similar information.*

*(d) “Unofficial transcript” means the academic transcript or a similar academic record of a current or former student of an institution that contains information customarily provided in an unofficial transcript, but which cannot be used to transfer academic credits to another institution of higher education.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

