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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1469

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATING AND
ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS OF SECONDARY AND
POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
GENERATING AND ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC
TRANSCRIPTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1101(b), concerning attaching seals to high school transcripts and diplomas, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) ~~Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, a~~ A school district shall attach a seal, stamp, or other symbol to ~~transcripts and~~ diplomas awarded to high school students who have completed the core curriculum with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0-point scale.

(2) Electronic transcripts shall include a designation for students who have completed the core curriculum with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-80-107 is amended to read as follows:
6-80-107. Transcripts.

(a)(1) ~~By May 1, 2007, the Department of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Department of Education, shall prescribe a uniform method of formatting and transmitting transcripts that shall be used by all~~



~~grades nine through twelve (9-12) public high schools and institutions of higher education in the state. As used in this section, "electronic transcript" means a student transcript that is formatted and transmitted electronically in the uniform method prescribed by the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education for use by public schools and institutions of higher education in this state.~~

~~(2) The uniform transcripts shall be transmitted electronically. An Arkansas public school shall use an electronic transcript in lieu of a paper transcript to:~~

~~(A) To Provide to the Department of Higher Education as necessary to process state financial aid applications for both high school students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) and higher education students; and~~

~~(B) Between Transmit a transcript between public high schools to correctly enroll and place students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) transferring between public high schools and school districts; and~~

~~(C) Transmit a transcript to the Department of Education.~~

~~(3) An institution of higher education in this state shall use an electronic transcript in lieu of a paper transcript:~~

~~(A) As the only method of accepting a transcript from an Arkansas public school;~~

~~(B) As the only method of accepting a transcript from or sending a transcript to another institutions of higher education in this state;~~

~~(C) To provide to the Department of Higher Education as necessary to process state financial aid applications for higher education students; and~~

~~(D) To transmit a transcript to the Department of Education.~~

~~(3) All public high schools in Arkansas shall begin submitting electronic transcripts to the Department of Higher Education for state scholarship programs by January 1, 2008.~~

~~(4) Except as provided under subdivision (b)(2) of this section, all institutions of higher education in Arkansas shall begin submitting electronic transcripts to the Department of Higher Education by July 1, 2008.~~

(b)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (b)(2) of this section,

~~after implementation of the uniform method prescribed under subsection (a) of this section,~~ an institution of higher education that does not comply with this section shall not be eligible to receive state financial aid on behalf of students ~~unless the institution provides uniform, electronic transcripts as prescribed by the Department of Higher Education under this section.~~

(2) ~~Any~~ An institution of higher education with less than ten (10) students who ~~are recipients of~~ receive financial aid ~~programs from a program~~ administered by the Department of Higher Education is exempt from the requirements under subsection (a) of this section and the penalty under this subsection (b).

(c)(1) The Department of Education shall prescribe a uniform method of formatting and electronically transmitting transcripts which shall be used by all kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) public elementary or middle schools in this state.

(2) ~~The uniform transcripts shall be transmitted electronically~~
A public elementary or middle school shall use an electronic transcript in lieu of a paper transcript to transmit a transcript:

(A) between Between public schools as necessary to correctly enroll and place students transferring between schools and school districts; and

(B) To the Department of Education.