

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2638

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WINDHAM.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

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

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*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  
2 known as section 173.061, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **(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.