

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

HOUSE BILL

No. 1440 Session of  
2017

---

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, DONATUCCI, DeLUCA, MILLARD, CONKLIN,  
McNEILL AND ROTHMAN, MAY 24, 2017

---

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 24, 2017

---

AN ACT

1 Providing for notation on transcripts of students suspended or  
2 expelled from institutions of higher education.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Transcript notation.

6 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) At public and private colleges and universities  
8 across this Commonwealth, the student academic transcript is  
9 recognized as the official record of a student's academic  
10 progress from admission until separation from the  
11 institution.

12 (2) The transcript is often the only document that must  
13 accompany a student in the process of transferring to another  
14 institution, and it is important for both students and  
15 institutions that the transcript accurately reflect the  
16 student's performance.

17 (3) A violation of a student code of conduct, including  
18 the commission of sexual assault, can result in a student

1 being temporarily or permanently separated from an  
2 institution.

3 (4) Significant inconsistencies exist in current  
4 policies and practices related to the notation of  
5 disciplinary dismissals on student transcripts at  
6 institutions of higher education.

7 (5) The absence of this pertinent information can put a  
8 receiving institution of higher education and its students at  
9 risk and may raise liability concerns for the institution of  
10 higher education from which the student transfers.

11 (6) The disclosure of student suspensions and expulsions  
12 on student transcripts of institutions of higher education  
13 ensures the integrity and transparency of student transcripts  
14 and the safety and security of campuses across this  
15 Commonwealth.

16 (b) Duty of institutions of higher education.--

17 (1) When a student enrolled at an institution of higher  
18 education is suspended or expelled for a period of time or  
19 permanently, the governing body of the institution of higher  
20 education shall include a notation on the transcript of the  
21 student specifying the time period or permanency of the  
22 suspension or expulsion.

23 (2) If the suspension or expulsion is for a period of  
24 time, the governing body of the institution of higher  
25 education may remove the notation on the transcript after the  
26 period of time has expired.

27 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, "institution of  
28 higher education" means:

29 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A of  
30 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the

1 Public School Code of 1949.

2 (2) A university within the State System of Higher  
3 Education.

4 (3) The Pennsylvania State University.

5 (4) The University of Pittsburgh.

6 (5) Temple University.

7 (6) Lincoln University.

8 (7) Any other institution that is designated as "State-  
9 related" by the Commonwealth.

10 (8) Any accredited private or independent college or  
11 university in this Commonwealth.

12 (9) Any private licensed school as defined in the act of  
13 December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private  
14 Licensed Schools Act.

15 Section 2. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.