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S22RS SGR No. 23 (HB 183)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Fifth Student Senate



AT THE SPRING REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

S.G.R. 23

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AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):
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A Resolution

In support of Louisiana HOUSE BILL NO. 183 introduced by the State Legislature, that prohibits "public postsecondary education institutions from withholding certain services due to defaulting on a loan; and to provide for related matters."

- 1 WHEREAS, all students should be able to access their
- 2 transcripts, academic histories, and other related materials; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, the LSU Student Senate S20SS passed SGR No. 1 already
- 5 but the bill passed in the LA Legislature HB 676 read "Notwithstanding
- 6 any other provision of law, each public postsecondary education
- 7 management board **MAY** adopt a policy to prohibit the institutions
- 8 under its supervision and management from doing any of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (1) Refuse to provide a transcript for a current or former student on the
- 11 grounds that the student owes a debt.
- 12 (2)(a) Condition the provision of a transcript for a current or former
- 13 student on the payment of a debt other than a fee charged to provide
- 14 the transcript or enrollment in a repayment plan.
- 15 (b) Any repayment plan established as a precondition of providing a
- 16 transcript shall include a monthly payment amount. The monthly
- 17 payment amount shall be established with consideration of the current
- 18 or former student's ability to pay and shall not exceed fifteen percent of
- 19 the student's monthly income.
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- 21 (3) Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript or provide any other
- 22 less favorable treatment because a student or former student owes a
- 23 debt.
- 24 (4) Use transcript issuance as a debt collection tool.
- 25 (5) Withhold services from a current or former student who is in default
- 26 on a federal loan. Services that shall not be withheld include but are not
- 27 limited to:
- 28 (a) Providing grades.
- 29 (b) Providing a diploma.
- 30 (c) Course registration services.
- 31 (d) Issuing transcripts”; and
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33 WHEREAS, the current HB 183 reads “Notwithstanding any other
 34 provision of law, each public postsecondary education management
 35 board **SHALL** adopt a policy to prohibit the institutions under its
 36 supervision and management from doing any of the following:

- 37 (1) Refuse to provide a transcript for a current or former student on the
- 38 grounds that the student owes a debt.
- 39 (2)(a) Condition the provision of a transcript for a current or former
- 40 student on the payment of a debt other than a fee charged to provide
- 41 the transcript or enrollment in a repayment plan.
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- 43 transcript shall include a monthly payment amount. The monthly
- 44 payment amount shall be established with consideration of the current
- 45 or former student's ability to pay and shall not exceed fifteen percent of
- 46 the student's monthly income.
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- 48 less favorable treatment because a student or former student owes a
- 49 debt.
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- 52 on a federal loan. Services that shall not be withheld include but are not
- 53 limited to:
- 54 (a) Providing grades.
- 55 (b) Providing a diploma.
- 56 (c) Course registration services.
- 57 (d) Issuing transcripts”; and
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59 WHEREAS, there are many factors that cause uncertainty and
 60 hardships for the student body of Louisiana State University and the
 61 current policy can prohibit students from truthfully applying to future
 62 studies, employment, and from the graduation process; and

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64 WHEREAS, HB 183 amends and reenact R.S. 17:3391(B)(introductory
 65 paragraph), relative to student debt; to require public postsecondary
 66 education management boards to adopt policies to prohibit the
 67 institutions under their supervision and management from withholding
 68 student transcripts and other records due to outstanding debt or
 69 defaulting on a loan; to prohibit public postsecondary education
 70 institutions from withholding certain services due to defaulting on a
 71 loan; and to provide for related matters; and
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 73 WHEREAS, those who default on dept will still be held accountable for
 74 its re-payment through the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery; and
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 76 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE
 77 UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that Student Government supports
 78 HOUSE BILL NO. 183 introduced by the State Legislature, that prohibits
 79 "public postsecondary education institutions from withholding certain services
 80 due to defaulting on a loan; and to provide for related matters."
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 82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION
 83 BE SUBMITTED TO REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES, all other parties
 84 that become applicable throughout the legislative process.
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 86 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a
 87 simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate and
 88 signature by the Student Body President, upon lapse of time for
 89 presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently
 90 approved by the Senate, on the date of such approval.

APPROVED:


ALEXANDRA BASSE

SPEAKER OF THE SENATEDATE: 4/14/22


JAVIN BOWMAN

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTDATE: 4/14/22