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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
16 GENERATING AND ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC
17 TRANSCRIPTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1101(b), concerning attaching seals to
23 high school transcripts and diplomas, is amended to read as follows:

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

28 (2) Electronic transcripts shall include a designation for
29 students who have completed the core curriculum with a minimum grade point
30 average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-80-107 is amended to read as follows:
33 6-80-107. Transcripts.

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



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

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

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

14 (B) ~~Between~~ Transmit a transcript between public high
 15 schools to correctly enroll and place students in grades nine through twelve
 16 (9-12) transferring between public high schools and school districts; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (B) To the Department of Education.

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