

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2335

5 By: Representative Stewart
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND AN
10 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE
11 ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE STUDENT
13 ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-80-107 is amended to read as follows:
28 6-80-107. Transcripts.

29 (a)(1) By May 1, 2007, the Department of Higher Education, in
30 cooperation with the Department of Education, shall prescribe a uniform
31 method of formatting and transmitting transcripts that shall be used by all
32 grade nine through twelve (9-12) public high schools and institutions of
33 higher education in the state.

34 (2) The uniform transcripts shall be transmitted electronically
35 to the Department of Higher Education as necessary to process state financial



1 aid applications for both high school students and higher education students
2 and between public high schools to correctly enroll and place students that
3 transfer between public schools.

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

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

10 (b)(1) After ~~Except~~ as provided under subdivision (b)(2) of this
11 section, after implementation of the uniform method prescribed under
12 subsection (a) of this section, no institution of higher education shall be
13 eligible to receive state financial aid on behalf of students unless the
14 institution provides uniform, electronic transcripts as prescribed by the
15 Department of Higher Education under this section.

16 (2) Any institution of higher education with less than ten (10)
17 students who are recipients of financial aid programs administered by the
18 Department of Higher Education are exempt from the requirements under
19 subsection (a) and the penalty under this subsection (b).

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

24 (2) The uniform transcripts shall be transmitted electronically
25 between all kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) public schools as
26 necessary to correctly enroll and place students transferring between public
27 schools.

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29 /s/ Stewart

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31 APPROVED: 4/2/2007