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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## By: Representatives Petrus, Mahony

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

## AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH SCHOOLS AND

 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-80-106. Transcripts.
(a)(1) By May 1, 2007, the Department of Higher Education, in cooperation with the Department of Education, shall prescribe a uniform method of formatting transcripts which shall be used by all grades nine through twelve (9-12) high schools and institutions of higher education in the state.
(2) The uniform transcripts shall be transmitted electronically to the Department of Higher Education as necessary to process state financial aid applications for both high school students and higher education students.
(b) After implementation of the uniform method prescribed under subsection (a) of this section, no institution of higher education shall be
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eligible to receive state financial aid on behalf of students unless the institution provides uniform, electronic transcripts as prescribed by the Department of Higher Education under this section.

