

# SENATE, No. 4029

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits institution of higher education and proprietary institution licensed to offer academic degrees from withholding student transcript due to outstanding balance on student's account.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the release of student transcripts by institutions  
2 of higher education and certain proprietary institutions and  
3 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. An institution of higher education or proprietary institution  
9 licensed to offer academic degrees shall not, due to an outstanding  
10 balance on a current or former student's account: withhold a  
11 student's transcript; charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript;  
12 or process a transcript request in a less favorable or timely manner  
13 than other transcript requests.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill prohibits an institution of higher education or  
21 proprietary institution licensed to offer academic degrees from  
22 withholding a student's transcript, charging a higher fee for  
23 obtaining a transcript, or processing a transcript request in a less  
24 favorable or timely manner than other transcript requests, due to an  
25 outstanding balance on a current or former student's account.