

2SHB 2513 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

OUT OF ORDER 03/06/2020

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.10.293 and 1977 ex.s. c 18 s 1 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (~~Each state public or private~~) (1) Institutions of higher
6 education may, in the control and collection of any debt or claim due
7 owing to it, impose reasonable financing and late charges, as well as
8 reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the collection of such
9 debts, if provided for in the note or agreement signed by the debtor.

10 (2) Institutions of higher education may not do any of the
11 following for the purposes of debt collection, unless the debts are
12 related to nonpayment of tuition fees, room and board fees, financial
13 aid funds owed, or fees charged to provide an official transcript:

14 (a) Refuse to provide an official transcript for a current or
15 former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt;

16 (b) Condition the provision of an official transcript on the
17 payment of the debt, other than a fee charged to provide the official
18 transcript;

19 (c) Charge a higher fee for obtaining the official transcript, or
20 provide less than favorable treatment of an official transcript
21 request because a student owes a debt; or

22 (d) Use transcript issuance as a tool for debt collection.

23 (3) Institutions of higher education may not withhold a student's
24 official transcript, regardless of debt, if the official transcript
25 is requested by a student or entity for any of the following
26 purposes:

27 (a) Job applications;

28 (b) Transferring to another institution; or

29 (c) Applying for financial aid.

30 (4) Institutions of higher education may not withhold
31 registration privileges as a debt collection tool, excluding the case

1 of any debts related to nonpayment of tuition fees, room and board
2 fees, or financial aid funds owed.

3 (5) If an institution of higher education chooses to withhold
4 official transcripts or registration privileges as a tool for debt
5 collection, the institution shall disclose to students through a
6 secure portal or email and the class registration process the
7 following at the start of each academic term:

8 (a) The amount of debt, if any, owed by the student to the
9 institution;

10 (b) Information on payment of the debt, including who to contact
11 to set up a payment plan; and

12 (c) Any consequences that will result from the nonpayment of the
13 debt.

14 (6) For the purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Debt" means any money, obligation, claim, or sum, due or
16 owing, or alleged to be due or owing, from a student.

17 (b) "Financial aid funds owed" means any financial aid funds owed
18 to the institution under Title IV, or to the state, due to
19 miscalculation, withdrawal, misinformation, or other reason, not
20 including standard repayment of student loans.

21 (c) "Institutions of higher education" means the same as in RCW
22 28B.92.030.

23 (d) "Room and board fees" means any money, obligation, claim, or
24 sum, due or owing, or alleged to be due or owing, from a student for
25 the provision of contractually agreed to on-campus housing or meal
26 services plans.

27 (e) "Tuition fees" means tuition fees as defined in RCW
28 28B.15.020, services and activities fees as defined in RCW
29 28B.15.041, technology fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.051, and fees
30 charged for nonstate funded, fee-based, self-supporting degree,
31 certificate, or continuing education courses, or similar charges for
32 nonpublic institutions."

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1 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "practices;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28B.10.293."

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