



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3345.027 Prohibition on withholding student transcripts.

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(A) As used in this section, "state institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) A state institution of higher education shall not withhold a student's official transcripts from a potential employer because the student owes money to the institution, provided the student has authorized the transcripts to be sent to the employer and the employer affirms to the institution that the transcripts are a prerequisite of employment.

(C)(1) Not later than December 1, 2023, the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education shall formally consider and adopt a resolution determining whether to end the practice of transcript withholding. Once adopted, each state institution shall submit a copy of the resolution to the chancellor of higher education.

(2) In adopting the resolution required under this division, each board of trustees shall consider and evaluate all of the following factors:

(a) The extent to which ending the practice of transcript withholding will promote the state's post-secondary education attainment and workforce goals;

(b) The rate of collection on overdue balances resulting from the historical practice of transcript withholding;

(c) The extent to which ending the practice of transcript withholding will help students who have disenrolled from the state institution complete an education, whether at the same institution or another state institution.

If a board of trustees resolves to maintain the practice of transcript withholding, the board shall include in the resolution a summary of its evaluation of the factors contained in division (C)(2) of



this section.

(3) Not later than January 1, 2024, the chancellor shall provide a copy of each resolution submitted under this division to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate.
