

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1110

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Hashmi

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Public institutions of higher education; student accounts; withholding transcripts.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth from conditioning the provision of an academic transcript to a current or former student on the payment of an outstanding debt to such institution if the student is requesting the transcript for the purpose of (i) applying for employment, (ii) applying for financial aid, (iii) pursuing opportunities in the Armed Forces or National Guard, or (iv) pursuing postsecondary opportunities in career or technical job training. The bill also prohibits any public institution of higher education from conditioning the provision or release of a current or former student's academic transcript to another institution of higher education on the student's repayment of an outstanding debt but permits such institution to provide or release a partial transcript omitting any course credits that such student attempted or completed during a semester or quarter for which the student has an outstanding debt. The bill permits any public institution of higher education to condition the provision of an academic transcript on enrollment in a repayment plan for an outstanding debt or the payment of a fee, provided that (a) any such repayment plan includes a monthly payment amount established with consideration of the current or former student's ability to pay and does not exceed 10 percent of such student's monthly income, (b) any such fee charged shall not be higher for a current or former student as a consequence of having an outstanding debt than the fee charged to any current or former student not owing a debt, and (c) no current or former student receives any other less favorable treatment as a consequence of such student having an outstanding debt. Finally, the bill requires each public institution of higher education to clearly and prominently indicate on any materials or webpages relating to academic transcript requests the purposes and conditions dictating the provision of an academic transcript to a current or former student with an outstanding debt.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is possible that this bill could reduce revenues at institutions of higher education due to unpaid debt, but it is not possible to estimate the magnitude of any such effect, and institutions will retain alternative ways to pursue owed debt.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None