

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3761

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education from denying students access to transcripts because of loan default.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2019

Mrs. LEE of Nevada (for herself, Ms. FINKENAUER, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Access to
5 Student Transcripts Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON LOSS OF ACCESS TO TRAN-**
2 **SCRIPTS FOR LOAN DEFAULT.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 487(a) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(30)(A) The institution will not prohibit a stu-
7 dent from accessing the student’s transcripts, degree
8 scrolls, or other certifications of coursework or edu-
9 cational attainments at the institution because the
10 student is in default on a loan made, insured, or
11 guaranteed under this title.

12 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term
13 ‘student’ includes former students.”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to academic
16 year 2019–2020 and each succeeding academic year.

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