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Providing for notation on transcripts of students suspended or expelled from institutions of higher education.

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1 Providing for notation on transcripts of students suspended or
2 expelled from institutions of higher education.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Transcript notation.

6 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) At public and private colleges and universities
8 across this Commonwealth, the student academic transcript is
9 recognized as the official record of a student's academic
10 progress from admission until separation from the
11 institution.

12 (2) The transcript is often the only document that must
13 accompany a student in the process of transferring to another
14 institution, and it is important for both students and
15 institutions that the transcript accurately reflect the
16 student's performance.

17 (3) A violation of a student code of conduct, including

1 the commission of sexual assault, can result in a student
2 being temporarily or permanently separated from an
3 institution.

4 (4) Significant inconsistencies exist in current
5 policies and practices related to the notation of
6 disciplinary dismissals on student transcripts at
7 institutions of higher education.

8 (5) The absence of this pertinent information can put a
9 receiving institution of higher education and its students at
10 risk and may raise liability concerns for the institution of
11 higher education from which the student transfers.

12 (6) The disclosure of student suspensions and expulsions
13 on student transcripts of institutions of higher education
14 ensures the integrity and transparency of student transcripts
15 and the safety and security of campuses across this
16 Commonwealth.

17 (b) Duty of institutions of higher education.--

18 (1) When a student enrolled at an institution of higher
19 education is suspended or expelled for a period of time or
20 permanently, the governing body of the institution of higher
21 education shall include a notation on the transcript of the
22 student specifying the time period or permanency of the
23 suspension or expulsion.

24 (2) If the suspension or expulsion is for a period of
25 time, the governing body of the institution of higher
26 education may remove the notation on the transcript after the
27 period of time has expired.

28 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, "institution of
29 higher education" means:

30 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A of

1 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the
2 Public School Code of 1949.

3 (2) A university within the State System of Higher
4 Education.

5 (3) The Pennsylvania State University.

6 (4) The University of Pittsburgh.

7 (5) Temple University.

8 (6) Lincoln University.

9 (7) Any other institution that is designated as "State-
10 related" by the Commonwealth.

11 (8) Any accredited private or independent college or
12 university in this Commonwealth.

13 (9) Any private licensed school as defined in the act of
14 December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private
15 Licensed Schools Act.

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.