

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5026

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 2, 2026.

The committee on Higher Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1449) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to students' access to academic transcripts at institutions of higher education, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5026) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DAVID M. ROGERS.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

## An Act ensuring students' access to academic transcripts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official

2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 19G the following section:-

3 Section 19H.

11 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an institution of higher education  
12 from withholding a student's diploma or degree due to that student's failure to pay any loan  
13 payments, fines, fees, tuition, or other expenses owed to the institution.

(c) This section shall apply to all postsecondary institutions including: (i) the system of public institutions of higher education, established in section 5; (ii) private occupational schools, as defined in section 263 of chapter 112; and (iii) private colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning.

18 (d) The department of higher education shall promulgate regulations consistent with this  
19 section necessary for its implementation.