

S. 2511, College Transparency Act

Section 1. Short Title.

Denotes the Act as the “College Transparency Act” for citation.

Section 2. Postsecondary Student Data System.

Requires the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to develop and maintain a secure and privacy-protected postsecondary student-level data system within four years of the date of enactment. Includes required data elements such as enrollment, retention, and completion for all credential levels. Protects student privacy by ensuring individual health, discipline, address, or other information is not made publicly available.

Section 3. Repeal of Prohibition on Student Data System.

Repeals the existing prohibition of a database of student information by striking Section 134 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Section 4. Institutional Requirements.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify universities are required to maintain the collection and submission of other higher education related data collection efforts required by law.

Section 5. Transition Provisions.

Requires the Secretary of Education and Commissioner for Education Statistics to take steps to ensure the development and maintenance of the postsecondary student data system reduces the reporting burden for entities reporting to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).