



FREE THE TRANSCRIPTS

HB676 - REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON



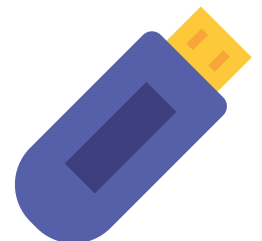
THE GOAL

This bill follows a national trend to “free the transcripts” so that students are not prevented from securing employment or returning to school if, for example, they owe fees or parking fines from when they were in school 10 years prior. This bill does not erase that debt.

THE CHALLENGE

As Louisiana faces the monumental post-COVID task of helping more residents than ever before get back to work, taking action to “free the transcript” will be vital. Citizens who need to re-tool with a credential of value must be able to do so without barriers to obtaining their academic transcript, which may be necessary to apply for jobs and/or return to school.

COVID-19 CONSIDERATION



- With unemployment numbers peaking higher than those experienced during the Great Depression, every effort must be made to accelerate paths to employment. Access to academic transcripts must not be an obstacle.