



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Workforce
Development

Introduced by:
(WFD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CONSTITUENT UNITS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER
EDUCATION AND INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 (a) The Department of Higher Education shall establish a pilot
2 program to develop an articulation agreement providing for the
3 transfer of course credits from the constituent units of the state system
4 of higher education to independent colleges and universities in the
5 state beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year. Any constituent
6 unit of the state system of higher education and any independent
7 college or university in this state may apply to participate in the pilot
8 program. Applications shall be submitted to the Commissioner of
9 Higher Education, in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe,
10 on or before October 15, 2001.

11 (b) Upon the commissioner's selection of the constituent units of the
12 state system of higher education and the independent colleges and
13 universities to participate in the program, a committee of at least
14 fifteen members shall be appointed as follows to develop the

15 agreement: The board of trustees of the constituent units of the state
16 system of higher education and the chief executive officers of the
17 independent colleges and universities selected to participate in the
18 program shall each appoint two faculty members, one student, one
19 administrator and one additional member from the respective
20 constituent unit, college or university. In developing the agreement the
21 committee shall review the admissions policies of and the courses
22 offered and the curriculum guides at each constituent unit, college and
23 university. The agreement shall include, but shall not be limited to: (1)
24 A description of which courses at the constituent unit, college or
25 university are comparable, which credits will be transferable, how the
26 admissions policies for the constituent units, colleges and universities
27 will be taken into consideration in providing for the transfer of such
28 credits and a procedure for periodic review of all courses offered by
29 each constituent unit, college and university to determine which
30 courses are comparable and which credits are transferable; and (2) a
31 statement that once the committee has determined that credits for a
32 course are transferable such credits shall be transferable. The
33 committee shall submit the plan and a report concerning the
34 implementation of the plan to the joint standing committee of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
36 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having
37 cognizance of matters relating to workforce development not later than
38 July 1, 2002.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the development of an articulation agreement between the constituent units of the state system of higher education and independent colleges and universities located in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]