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SYNOPSIS

Provides for the transfer of certain college credits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on February 8, 2007, with amendments.

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Signed by Gov.

9-13-07

1 AN ACT concerning the transfer of certain college credits and
2 supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Each public institution of higher education, in consultation
9 with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education ¹and the
10 New Jersey Presidents' Council¹, shall establish and enter into a
11 collective Statewide transfer agreement that provides for the
12 seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed associate
13 ¹of arts or associate of science degree program to a baccalaureate
14 degree program. The transfer agreement shall include:

15 a. ¹**[curriculum standards for]** a listing of the¹ general education
16 ¹**[programs at the associate degree level]** core courses as stipulated
17 by the Presidents' Council¹;

18 b. policies and procedures for the ¹seamless transfer and
19 application of academic credits from a completed associate degree
20 program to a baccalaureate degree program, including a guarantee
21 that an associate of arts degree or an associate of science degree
22 awarded by a county college established pursuant to chapter 64A of
23 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes shall be fully transferable and
24 credited as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program at
25 the four-year public institution of higher education in the State to
26 which a student is admitted;

27 c. policies and procedures for the implementation of ¹**[a student]**
28 an¹ appeals process ¹for students and institutions¹ to resolve
29 disputes regarding the transfer of academic credits;

30 d. policies and procedures for the annual review and update of
31 the agreement; and

32 e. policies and procedures for the collection of data by the
33 commission to ensure that all participating institutions of higher
34 education are in compliance with the provisions of this act ¹and to
35 ensure that the agreement is fostering both a seamless transfer
36 process and the academic success of transfer students at the senior
37 institutions. The commission shall annually determine the data to
38 be collected and shall notify each participating institution in a
39 timely manner.

40 The policies and procedures set forth in the transfer agreement
41 shall be fully operational by September 1, 2008¹.

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43 2. On or before January 1, 2008, each ¹**[participating]** public¹
44 institution of higher education shall, in consultation with the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted February 8, 2007.

1 Commission on Higher Education 'and the Presidents' Council',
2 develop and adopt as part of the collective Statewide transfer
3 agreement established pursuant to section 1 of this act policies and
4 procedures for the transfer of credits earned by a student who has
5 not completed his associate degree program prior to transferring
6 into a baccalaureate degree program.

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8 3. An independent institution of higher education in the State
9 may elect to enter into the agreement.

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11 4. The Commission on Higher Education shall prepare an annual
12 report containing a compilation of the data collected pursuant to
13 subsection e. of section 1 of this act ' , an analysis of the effect of
14 the agreement on the transfer process and on the academic success
15 of transfer students at the senior institutions,' and an analysis of
16 each participating institution's compliance with the provisions of
17 this act. The commission shall submit the report to the Legislature
18 'and the Governor' by '[August 31st] November 15th' of each
19 year.

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21 5. The cooperation of each public institution of higher education
22 in abiding by the terms of the agreement shall be reviewed and
23 considered by the Governor and the Legislature when making the
24 annual appropriation for the institution.

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26 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require any public or
27 independent institution of higher education to admit a student or to
28 waive its admission standards and application procedures.

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30 7. This act shall take effect immediately.