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SYNOPSIS

Requires institutions of higher education to enter into collective Statewide reverse transfer agreement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning a Statewide reverse transfer agreement 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. a. Each institution of higher education, in consultation
9 with the Secretary of Higher Education and the New Jersey
10 Presidents' Council, shall establish and enter into a collective
11 Statewide reverse transfer agreement. Under the agreement, a
12 student enrolled in a four-year institution of higher education who
13 has a cumulative total of 66 credits earned between a county college
14 and the four-year institution may be awarded an associate degree by
15 the county college. The reverse transfer agreement shall address the
16 following:

17 (1) the effective communication between the county college and
18 the four-year institution on student transcripts and course
19 equivalencies;

20 (2) the process by which a student is notified of potential
21 eligibility, and by which the four-year institution obtains the
22 consent of the student for release of his transcript to the county
23 college;

24 (3) procedures for advising students on the courses that a
25 student needs to complete to attain an associate degree;

26 (4) policies and procedures for the annual review and update of
27 the agreement; and

28 (5) policies and procedures for the collection of data by the
29 secretary to ensure that all institutions are in compliance with this
30 section. The secretary shall annually determine the data to be
31 collected and shall notify each institution in a timely manner.

32 b. The policies and procedures set forth in the collective
33 Statewide reverse transfer agreement shall be fully operational by
34 September 1, 2018.

35 c. The annual report prepared by the Secretary of Higher
36 Education pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.175 (C.18A:62-49)
37 shall include an analysis of each institution's compliance with the
38 provisions of this section.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

45 This bill requires each institution of higher education to enter
46 into a collective Statewide reverse transfer agreement. Under the
47 agreement, a student enrolled in a four-year institution of higher
48 education who has a cumulative total of 66 credits earned between a

1 county college and the four-year institution may be awarded an
2 associate degree by the county college. The reverse transfer
3 agreement will address the following issues:

4 (1) the effective communication between the county college and
5 the four-year institution on student transcripts and course
6 equivalencies;

7 (2) the process by which a student is notified of potential
8 eligibility, and by which the four-year institution obtains the
9 consent of the student for release of his transcript to the county
10 college;

11 (3) procedures for advising students on the courses that a
12 student needs to complete to attain an associate degree;

13 (4) policies and procedures for the annual review and update of
14 the agreement; and

15 (5) policies and procedures for the collection of data by the
16 secretary to ensure that all institutions are in compliance with the
17 bill's provisions.

18 The policies and procedures established in the collective
19 Statewide reverse transfer agreement will be fully operational by
20 September 1, 2018.

21 This bill implements a recommendation of the College
22 Affordability Study Commission included in its September 2016
23 final report.