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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.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/19/2007)
AN ACT concerning the transfer of certain college credits and
supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
Statutes.

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

1. Each public institution of higher education, in consultation
with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education \(1\) and the
New Jersey Presidents’ Council\(1\), shall establish and enter into a
collective Statewide transfer agreement that provides for the
seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed associate
\(1\) of arts or associate of science\(1\) degree program to a baccalaureate
degree program. The transfer agreement shall include:

a. \([\text{curriculum standards for general education programs at the associate degree level}]\) core courses as stipulated
by the Presidents’ Council\(1\);

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

c. policies and procedures for the implementation of \([\text{a student}]\) an\(1\) appeals process \(1\) for students and institutions\(1\) to resolve
disputes regarding the transfer of academic credits;

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

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

The policies and procedures set forth in the transfer agreement
shall be fully operational by September 1, 2008\(1\).

2. On or before January 1, 2008, each \([\text{public}]\) institution of higher education shall, in consultation with the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets \([\text{thus}]\) 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:
\(1\) Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted February 8, 2007.
Commission on Higher Education and the Presidents' Council, develop and adopt as part of the collective Statewide transfer agreement established pursuant to section 1 of this act policies and procedures for the transfer of credits earned by a student who has not completed his associate degree program prior to transferring into a baccalaureate degree program.

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

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

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

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

7. This act shall take effect immediately.