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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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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 <sup>1</sup>and the  
 10 New Jersey Presidents' Council<sup>1</sup>, 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 <sup>1</sup>of arts or associate of science degree program to a baccalaureate  
 14 degree program. The transfer agreement shall include:

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

18 b. policies and procedures for the <sup>1</sup>seamless 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 <sup>1</sup>**[a student]**  
 28 an<sup>1</sup> appeals process <sup>1</sup>for students and institutions<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>and 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, 2008<sup>1</sup>.

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 43 2. On or before January 1, 2008, each <sup>1</sup>**[participating]** public<sup>1</sup>  
 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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly 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.