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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1958

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1958 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 20, and 25 and by adding  
6 Sections 3, 21, and 24 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 150/3 new)

8 Sec. 3. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to enhance the  
9 transfer of academic credits between community colleges and  
10 State universities in Illinois, ensuring equitable and  
11 consistent practices, reducing barriers for students, and  
12 promoting accountability and transparency in transfer credit  
13 acceptance.

14 (110 ILCS 150/5)

15 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:

1       "Associate degree for transfer" means any of the following  
2       community college degree programs: Associate in Arts;  
3       Associate in Engineering Science; Associate in Fine Arts; or  
4       Associate in Science.

5       "Community college" means a public community college in  
6       this State.

7       "State university" means a public university in this  
8       State.

9       "Transfer articulation agreement" means a formal written  
10       agreement between a community college and State university  
11       that outlines a process for the seamless transfer of credits  
12       from an associate degree for transfer from a community college  
13       to a bachelor's degree at a State university.

14       (Source: P.A. 99-316, eff. 1-1-16.)

15       (110 ILCS 150/10)

16       Sec. 10. Associate degree for transfer.

17       (a) Commencing with the fall term of the 2016-2017  
18       academic year, a community college student who earns an  
19       associate degree for transfer, an Associate of Arts, or an  
20       Associate of Science that is consistent with degree  
21       requirements of the Illinois Community College Board and the  
22       Board of Higher Education and aligned with the policies and  
23       procedures of the Illinois Articulation Initiative, granted  
24       pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section is deemed eligible  
25       for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a State

1 university if the student meets the requirements of the  
2 transfer degree and major-specific prerequisites and obtains a  
3 minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

4 (b) As a condition of receipt of State funds, a community  
5 college district shall develop and grant associate degrees for  
6 transfer that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this  
7 Section. A community college district may not impose any  
8 requirements in addition to the requirements of this Section  
9 for a student to be eligible for an associate degree for  
10 transfer and subsequent admission to a State university  
11 pursuant to Section 15 of this Act without the approval of the  
12 Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher  
13 Education.

14 (c) The General Assembly encourages a community college  
15 district to enter into transfer ~~consider the~~ articulation  
16 agreements ~~and other work~~ between the respective faculties  
17 from the affected community college and State universities in  
18 implementing the requirements of this Section. Pursuant to  
19 Section 21 of this Act, if a transfer articulation agreement  
20 is requested by a community college district or State  
21 university, both parties shall enter into an agreement.

22 (d) A community college shall ~~The General Assembly~~  
23 ~~encourages community colleges to~~ facilitate the acceptance of  
24 credits earned at other community colleges toward an associate  
25 degree for transfer pursuant to this Section.

26 (e) This Section does not preclude students who are

1 assessed below collegiate level from acquiring remedial  
2 noncollegiate level coursework in preparation for obtaining an  
3 associate degree for transfer. Remedial noncollegiate level  
4 coursework and all other non-transfer coursework must not be  
5 counted as part of the transferable units required pursuant to  
6 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this Section.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-316, eff. 1-1-16.)

8 (110 ILCS 150/20)

9 Sec. 20. Coursework.

10 (a) A State university may not require a student  
11 transferring pursuant to this Act to take more than 60  
12 additional semester units beyond the lower-division major  
13 requirements for majors requiring 120 semester units, provided  
14 that the student remains enrolled in the same program of study  
15 and has completed university major transfer requirements.  
16 Specified high unit majors are exempt from this subsection (a)  
17 upon agreement by the board of trustees of the State  
18 university and the Board of Higher Education.

19 (b) A State university may not require students  
20 transferring pursuant to this Act to repeat courses that are  
21 articulated with those taken at the community college and  
22 counted toward an associate degree for transfer granted  
23 pursuant to Section 10 of this Act.

24 (c) ~~A The General Assembly encourages~~ State university  
25 shall ~~universities to~~ facilitate the seamless transfer of

1 credits toward a baccalaureate degree pursuant to the intent  
2 of this Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-316, eff. 1-1-16.)

4 (110 ILCS 150/21 new)

5 Sec. 21. Community college and State university transfer  
6 articulation agreements.

7 (a) A State university or community college shall, upon  
8 the request of a community college district or State  
9 university, enter into a transfer articulation agreement to  
10 provide a seamless pathway for transfer. The community college  
11 or State university may request to enter into multiple  
12 articulation agreements as appropriate and requested.

13 The agreement between the State university and the  
14 community college district may include 2+2 programs, which are  
15 designed for students to take half of a degree at the community  
16 college and the second half of the degree at the State  
17 university, or 3+1 programs, which are designed for students  
18 to transfer to the State university for completion of their  
19 final, senior-level coursework if permitted by 23 Ill. Adm.  
20 Code 1050, university policy, institutional accreditors, and  
21 professional licensure bodies.

22 (b) Community colleges and State universities are  
23 encouraged to enter into transfer articulation agreements  
24 whereby community college students may indicate their transfer  
25 destination of choice on their application to the community

1 college. If a transfer destination is provided, the community  
2 college may share the student's contact information with the  
3 destination university so that it may contact the student and  
4 co-advise the student on the recommended coursework for  
5 seamless transfer.

6 (c) A transfer articulation agreement shall be signed by  
7 the president or chancellor of the community college or the  
8 president's or chancellor's designee and by the president or  
9 chancellor of the State university or the president's or  
10 chancellor's designee.

11 A transfer articulation agreement shall include all of the  
12 following:

13 (1) A statement identifying the participating  
14 institutions or divisions of institutions that are part of  
15 the agreement.

16 (2) A list of the eligibility criteria for transfer  
17 admissions, including any minimum grade-point-average  
18 requirements and prerequisites needed. Any limitations to  
19 the agreement for admission to specific academic programs  
20 shall also be included.

21 (3) A list of any scholarships or financial assistance  
22 available to students participating in the articulation  
23 agreement.

24 (4) A standardized transfer-credit framework for  
25 general education and lower-division, major-specific  
26 courses that clearly identifies specific courses that will

1       transfer between institutions, the number of credits that  
2       will transfer, the program at the State university to  
3       which credits will apply, if applicable, and an outline of  
4       how transferred credits will be applied toward degree  
5       requirements.

6       (5) A clearly defined transfer pathway outlining how  
7       students at the community college can progress from their  
8       program at the community college to the corresponding  
9       program at the State university and be granted junior or  
10      senior status as appropriate.

11      (6) Other degree requirements, including, but not  
12      limited to, standardized test scores, required clinical  
13      hours, internships, or residency requirements.

14      (7) A policy on the reverse transfer of credit for  
15      those students who transfer prior to completion of the  
16      community college degree as stated in the agreement and,  
17      as applicable, the transfer of credit earned for  
18      experiential learning, including, but not limited to,  
19      prior learning assessment and competency-based education.

20      (8) The academic and non-academic opportunities and  
21      support, such as designated transfer admission  
22      coordinators, academic advisors, or other support specific  
23      to student participating in the agreement, if applicable.

24      (9) Data-sharing requirements and limitations,  
25      including, if applicable, assessment policies to measure  
26      the effectiveness of the agreement.

1           (10) An agreement on the marketing process and  
2           responsibilities for programs covered by the articulation  
3           agreement, including any limitations imposed by either  
4           party.

5           (11) A clear and transparent policy and appeal process  
6           for resolving disputes over transfer credit acceptance.

7           (12) Dates of applicability of the agreement and  
8           conditions for renewal or termination of the agreement.

9           (d) An agreement executed under this Section does not  
10          negate any previous transfer articulation agreement between a  
11          community college and a State university.

12          (e) If, within 180 calendar days after the initial request  
13          to enter into a transfer articulation agreement, the community  
14          college and State university do not reach an agreement on the  
15          transfer articulation agreement, then the community college  
16          may submit a written request to the Illinois Community College  
17          Board or the State university may submit a written request to  
18          the Board of Higher Education, which shall jointly assist with  
19          facilitation of an agreement between the community college and  
20          State university.

21          (110 ILCS 150/24 new)

22          Sec. 24. Transfer credit review process. Each community  
23          college and State university shall publish the institution's  
24          process and a timeline for reviewing and making decisions  
25          regarding transfer credit requests on the institution's

1 website. The institution shall update its website within 30  
2 days after making a change to its process and timeline for  
3 reviewing and making decisions regarding transfer credit  
4 requests.

5 (110 ILCS 150/25)

6 Sec. 25. Reporting requirements on course transfer ~~Board~~  
7 ~~of Higher Education reviews and reports.~~

8 (a) (Blank). ~~The Board of Higher Education shall review~~  
9 ~~the implementation of this Act and file a report on that review~~  
10 ~~with the General Assembly on or before May 31, 2017, as~~  
11 ~~provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization~~  
12 ~~Act.~~

13 (b) (Blank). ~~The Board of Higher Education shall review~~  
14 ~~both of the following and file a report on that review with the~~  
15 ~~General Assembly within 4 years after the effective date of~~  
16 ~~this Act, as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly~~  
17 ~~Organization Act.~~

18 ~~(1) The outcomes of implementation of this Act,~~  
19 ~~including, but not limited to, all of the following:~~

20 ~~(A) The number and percentage of community college~~  
21 ~~students who transferred to a State university and~~  
22 ~~earned an associate degree for transfer pursuant to~~  
23 ~~this Act.~~

24 ~~(B) The average amount of time and units it takes a~~  
25 ~~community college student earning an associate degree~~

1 ~~for transfer pursuant to this Act to transfer to and~~  
2 ~~graduate from a State university, as compared to the~~  
3 ~~average amount of time and units it took community~~  
4 ~~college transfer students prior to the implementation~~  
5 ~~of this Act and compared to students using other~~  
6 ~~transfer processes available.~~

7 ~~(C) Student progression and completion rates.~~

8 ~~(D) Other relevant indicators of student success.~~

9 ~~(E) The degree to which the requirements for an~~  
10 ~~associate degree for transfer take into account~~  
11 ~~existing articulation agreements and the degree to~~  
12 ~~which community colleges facilitate the acceptance of~~  
13 ~~credits between community college districts, as~~  
14 ~~outlined in subsections (c) and (d) of Section 10 of~~  
15 ~~this Act.~~

16 ~~(F) It is the intent of the General Assembly that~~  
17 ~~student outcome data provided under this subsection~~  
18 ~~(b) include the degree to which State universities~~  
19 ~~were able to accommodate students admitted under this~~  
20 ~~Act in being admitted to the State university of their~~  
21 ~~choice and in a major that is similar to their~~  
22 ~~community college major.~~

23 ~~(2) Recommendations for statutory changes necessary to~~  
24 ~~facilitate the goal of a clear and transparent transfer~~  
25 ~~process.~~

26 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (c), "courses"

1 refers only to those courses for which a student has received a  
2 passing grade as determined by a State university.

3 By October 1, 2027 and by October 1 of each subsequent  
4 year, each State university shall report to the Board of  
5 Higher Education, in a form prescribed by the Board of Higher  
6 Education, all of the following information based on the  
7 previous academic year:

8 (1) The total number of community college transfer  
9 students admitted, offered provisional admission, and  
10 denied admission, disaggregated by a student's community  
11 college district of origin.

12 (2) Of the transfer students enrolled, the total  
13 number of courses presented for transfer and number of  
14 courses accepted for transfer, in accordance with  
15 subsection (e) of Section 10, from each community college  
16 district.

17 (3) For each Illinois Articulation Initiative General  
18 Education Core Curricula course, the number of courses  
19 that are denied transfer from each community college  
20 district.

21 (4) For each Illinois Articulation Initiative major  
22 course, the number of courses that are denied transfer  
23 from each community college district, the number of  
24 courses that are accepted for elective credit but not  
25 major credit, and the number of courses that are accepted  
26 for major credit.

1           (5) Beginning October 1, 2028, for each non-Illinois  
2           Articulation Initiative course, in accordance with  
3           subsection (e) of Section 10, the number of courses that  
4           are denied transfer from each community college district.

5           The Board of Higher Education shall publish an analysis  
6           and report of the information provided by State universities  
7           by March 1, 2028 and by March 1 of each subsequent year. The  
8           report shall be filed with the Governor and General Assembly.  
9           An electronic copy of the report shall be accessible on the  
10           Board of Higher Education's official website. The Illinois  
11           Community College Board and Board of Higher Education shall,  
12           every 3 years, review the reports to determine if the reports  
13           are generating useful information or whether the reports need  
14           to be revised or discontinued.

15           (Source: P.A. 99-316, eff. 1-1-16.)

16           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17           becoming law.".