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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 467

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 467 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Articulation Initiative Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 5 and 25 and by adding Section 35
6 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 152/5)

8 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds
9 and declares that in January of 1993, the Board of Higher
10 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and transfer
11 coordinators from Illinois colleges and universities jointly
12 launched the Illinois Articulation Initiative to ease the
13 transfer of students among Illinois public and independent
14 associate and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The
15 General Assembly finds and declares that the Illinois
16 Articulation Initiative was driven by the following

1 foundational ideas:

2 (1) that associate and baccalaureate degree-granting
3 institutions are equal partners in educating college
4 freshmen and sophomores;

5 (2) that faculties should take primary responsibility
6 for developing and maintaining program and course
7 articulation;~~and~~

8 (3) that institutions are expected to work together to
9 facilitate transfer for lower-division baccalaureate
10 programs; and-

11 (4) that nearly 300 common course descriptor codes are
12 used to identify approved courses with common course
13 content and learning outcomes.

14 The General Assembly finds and declares that students have
15 benefited by receiving the General Education Core Curriculum
16 and transferring across institutions of higher education.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-636, eff. 1-1-17.)

18 (110 ILCS 152/25)

19 Sec. 25. Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
20 Community College Board duties.

21 (a) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
22 Community College Board shall co-manage the implementation,
23 oversight, and evaluation of the Illinois Articulation
24 Initiative, including determining when panels must be
25 discontinued or convened and the specific requirements of the

1 General Education Core Curriculum. Panels must be convened
2 across the fields of General Education, Communications,
3 Humanities and Fine Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences,
4 Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, Elementary and
5 Secondary Education, and other fields as determined by the
6 Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College
7 Board.

8 (b) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
9 Community College Board shall provide a joint report on an
10 annual basis to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the
11 Illinois P-20 Council on the status of the Illinois
12 Articulation Initiative and the implementation of this Act.

13 (c) On or before September 1, 2024, the Board of Higher
14 Education and the Illinois Community College Board, in
15 collaboration with public institutions, shall establish a
16 workgroup to develop a comprehensive implementation plan for
17 the adoption of a common course numbering system. The common
18 course numbering system shall be consistent with course codes
19 assigned through the Illinois Articulation Initiative. The
20 common course numbering system shall be student-facing to
21 ensure that comparable courses across all public institutions
22 have the same course number.

23 The implementation plan shall be adopted by both the Board
24 of Higher Education and Illinois Community College Board on or
25 before June 30, 2025. The workgroup established under this
26 subsection (c) shall convene annually thereafter to review

1 progress toward fully implementing the developed common course
2 numbering system.

3 (Source: P.A. 103-469, eff. 1-1-24.)

4 (110 ILCS 152/35 new)

5 Sec. 35. Common course numbering.

6 (a) Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, all public
7 institutions shall adopt a common course numbering system for
8 all Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core
9 Curriculum courses based on the implementation plan of the
10 workgroup established under subsection (c) of Section 25.

11 (b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, all public
12 institutions shall adopt a common course numbering system for
13 all Illinois Articulation Initiative major courses based on
14 the implementation plan of the workgroup established under
15 subsection (c) of Section 25.

16 (c) Each public institution shall incorporate common
17 course numbers from the adopted common course numbering system
18 developed by the workgroup established under subsection (c) of
19 Section 25 in each public institution's course catalog.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law."