

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §6-61-218 TO
9 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL
10 ASSIST PUBLICLY SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE
11 ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE
12 INSTITUTIONS SO THAT MINIMUM CORE AND UPPER LEVEL COURSES
13 WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TOWARD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
14 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES SHALL BE FULLY TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN
15 THE INSTITUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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18 "AN ACT REQUIRING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO ESTABLISH
19 ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS TO MAKE CERTAIN COURSES
20 TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS."

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §6-61-218 is hereby amended to read
25 as follows:

26 "6-61-218. Minimum college core - Transferability.

27 (a) In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in
28 Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the
29 publicly supported institutions of higher education, the board shall establish
30 in consultation with the colleges and universities a minimum core of courses
31 which shall apply toward the general education core curriculum requirements
32 for baccalaureate degrees at state-supported institutions of higher education
33 and which shall be fully transferable between state institutions.

34 (b) (1) The board shall assist the colleges and universities in the
35 establishment of articulation agreements between the publicly supported

1 institutions of higher education so that minimum core and upper level courses
2 that are applicable toward the requirements for baccalaureate degrees shall be
3 fully transferable among all public two- and four-year institutions of higher
4 education.

5 (2) For each undergraduate program offered by the institution,
6 each public college and university shall develop a chart of general education
7 and upper level courses, offered by other Arkansas public colleges and
8 universities, which are fully transferable and receive credit toward the
9 degree. This chart of courses shall indicate at each public institution of
10 higher education, all courses offered at the other public colleges and
11 universities which are accepted in transfer and count toward each degree
12 offered by the receiving institution.

13 (3) Each public college and university shall publish, and update
14 annually, a guide to transfer, which includes all institutional transfer
15 policies along with the course chart required in (b)(2). Copies shall be made
16 available to the transfer officer at each public institution of higher
17 education and to the Department of Higher Education."

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19 SECTION 2. (a) Any course offered by a public college or university
20 which is not accepted in transfer by all other public institutions of higher
21 education must be so designated in the institutional catalogue and other
22 related publications. An institution which fails to designate such a course
23 as nontransferable or to so inform an enrolling student shall refund tuition
24 and fees charged to the student for this course.

25 (b) Whenever any courses taken previously by a transferring student at
26 any Arkansas public college or university are not accepted and credited toward
27 a degree offered by the public college or university to which the student is
28 transferring, the institution which declines to accept these credit hours
29 toward the degree shall inform the student in writing as to the reason the
30 course credit hours are not accepted in credit toward the degree.

31 (c) Institutions must make reports each semester to the Department of
32 Higher Education stating the number of students whose transfer credit hours
33 have not been accepted and the number of credit hours which have not been
34 accepted in transfer and credited toward a degree offered by the institution.

35 (d) Working in cooperation with the Department of Higher Education, the

1 public colleges and universities shall develop a common course-numbering
2 system for all lower level general education courses by June 30, 1995.

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4 (e) After July 1, 1995, public colleges and universities shall refund
5 any tuition and fees charged to students who enroll in lower level general
6 education courses which are not certified by the State Board of Higher
7 Education as having course numbers consistent with a statewide course-
8 numbering system.

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10 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

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