

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 247

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5 By: Senator Trusty  
6 By: Representative George

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND TRANSFER  
11 AGREEMENTS AMONG COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN  
12 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND TRANSFER  
16 AGREEMENTS AMONG COLLEGES AND  
17 UNIVERSITIES IN ARKANSAS.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Creation of a statewide comprehensive transfer policy.

23 (a)(1) By July 1, 2006, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
24 Board shall implement a transfer curriculum for all state public colleges and  
25 universities.

26 (2) The transfer curriculum shall be known as the "Arkansas  
27 Transfer Curriculum" and will incorporate and replace the state minimum core  
28 as set forth in Arkansas Code § 6-61-218.

29 (3) Once a course has met the criteria necessary for inclusion  
30 in the Arkansas Transfer Curriculum, the course shall be accepted for full  
31 credit in that area of emphasis at all public colleges and universities in  
32 Arkansas.

33 (b) By December 1, 2006, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
34 Board shall publish an Internet-based student manual that identifies and  
35 describes how general education courses at public institutions of higher  
36 education transfer to other public institutions of higher education within



1 Arkansas.

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3 SECTION 2. Guidelines for course review.

4 (a)(1) Arkansas public colleges and universities shall submit to the  
5 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board an application for courses to be  
6 included in the Arkansas Transfer Curriculum.

7 (2) Courses shall be reviewed and recommended by a peer review  
8 project team established in the discipline.

9 (b)(1)(A) The Department of Higher Education shall establish peer  
10 review project teams composed of faculty members of Arkansas universities and  
11 two-year colleges.

12 (B) The peer review project team for each discipline shall  
13 include no less than four (4) faculty members equally divided between two-  
14 year and four-year institutions who teach in the discipline. Members shall  
15 be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Council of Presidents and  
16 Chancellors of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

17 (2)(A) The peer review project team for each discipline shall  
18 review and recommend to the Department of Higher Education courses in the  
19 applicable discipline to be recommended to the Arkansas Higher Education  
20 Coordinating Board for inclusion in the Arkansas Transfer Curriculum.

21 (B)(i) Courses not receiving a recommendation by the peer  
22 review project team shall receive from the peer review project team suggested  
23 improvements or revisions for the course or its application.

24 (ii) Colleges and universities may resubmit course  
25 applications to the peer review project team if the original application is  
26 not recommended to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after  
27 appropriate adjustments have been made based on the suggested improvements or  
28 revisions from the peer review project team.

29 (c) The Arkansas Department of Higher Education, in consultation with  
30 the colleges and universities, shall develop the criteria and guidelines for  
31 the development of the Arkansas Transfer Curriculum.

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