

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1357

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

18 AN ACT TO CREATE A SYSTEM FOR FULLY TRANSFERABLE  
19 CREDIT HOURS FROM DEGREES IN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS,  
20 ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE, AND ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN  
21 TEACHING AMONG PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
22 EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

25 THE ROGER PHILLIPS TRANSFER POLICY ACT.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 2, is amended  
31 to add an additional section to read as follows:

32 6-61-231. Statewide Transfer Agreement.

33 (a) As used in this section:

34 (1) "Designated transfer degree" means one of the following  
35 associate degrees that is eligible for the full transfer under this section  
36 of credits earned and hours completed:



1 (A) Associate of arts;

2 (B) Associate of science; or

3 (C) Associate of arts in teaching;

4 (2) "Lower division credits" means freshman and sophomore level  
5 course credits;

6 (3) "Public institution of higher education" means an Arkansas  
7 state-supported two-year or four-year college or university; and

8 (4) "Transfer student" means a student transferring from a  
9 completed designated transfer degree program to a baccalaureate program at a  
10 four-year public institution of higher education.

11 (b) The purpose of this section is to eliminate obstacles to transfers  
12 of credits among public institutions of higher education in Arkansas by  
13 providing a seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed designated  
14 transfer degree program to a baccalaureate degree program without the loss of  
15 earned credits and without the receiving public institution of higher  
16 education requiring additional lower division credits.

17 (c) By January 1, 2010, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating  
18 Board shall develop a statewide transfer agreement that:

19 (1) Designates the following as transfer degrees at public  
20 institutions of higher education in Arkansas:

21 (A) Associate of arts;

22 (B) Associate of science; and

23 (C) Associate of arts in teaching;

24 (2) Requires a four-year public institution of higher education  
25 to accept all hours completed and credits earned for a designated transfer  
26 degree upon a student's transfer to a baccalaureate degree program at the  
27 four-year public institution of higher education;

28 (3) Contains the transfer curriculum for each designated  
29 transfer degree that is approved by the board under subsection (d) of this  
30 section;

31 (4)(A) Requires a four-year public institution of higher  
32 education to admit a transfer student to junior status in a baccalaureate  
33 degree program at the four-year public institution of higher education.

34 (B)(i) A four-year public institution of higher education  
35 receiving a transfer student shall not require additional lower division  
36 credits for the transfer student if the additional course is considered a

1 general education lower division course.

2 (ii) The receiving four-year public institution of  
3 higher education may only require the additional lower division course if the  
4 additional lower division course is:

5 (a) A prerequisite for courses in the transfer  
6 student's baccalaureate degree program;

7 (b) A discipline-specific course that is  
8 required by the transfer student's baccalaureate degree program and the  
9 student has not completed a course at the two-year public institution of  
10 higher education that is comparable to the discipline-specific course at the  
11 four-year public institution of higher education in the Arkansas Course  
12 Transfer System; or

13 (c) A requirement of an independent licensing  
14 or accrediting body.

15 (C) This subsection (c) does not remove the requirement  
16 that a transfer student must meet total baccalaureate degree program credit  
17 hour and course requirements in order to be eligible for a baccalaureate  
18 degree

19 (D) The receiving four-year public institution of higher  
20 education shall determine whether to accept a grade of "D" for academic  
21 course credit for a student transferring from a two-year public institution  
22 of higher education; and

23 (5)(A)(i) Requires a four-year public institution of higher  
24 education to develop transfer guidelines for each two-year public institution  
25 of higher education that has a campus within fifty (50) miles of the four-  
26 year public institution of higher education.

27 (ii) If a two-year public institution of higher  
28 education does not have a campus that is within fifty (50) miles of a four-  
29 year public institution of higher education, the four-year public institution  
30 of higher education that is nearest to the two-year public institution of  
31 higher education shall develop the transfer guidelines under this subdivision  
32 (c)(5).

33 (B) The guidelines shall outline courses for each four-  
34 year public institution baccalaureate degree program which will prepare  
35 students for entry into that baccalaureate degree program without additional  
36 general education credits.

