

HOUSE BILL 1082

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Denial of Transfer Credit – Notice and Report**
3 **(Transfer With Success Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish
5 certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies
6 the transfer of credits to report the denial to the institution from which the transfer
7 student originates and to submit a certain report each year to the Commission;
8 requiring certain procedures to direct a certain institution to review a denial of
9 transfer credit; and generally relating to the denial of transfer credits.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 11–207
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 11–207.

19 (a) The Commission shall:

20 (1) Establish procedures for transfer of students between the public
21 segments of postsecondary education;

22 (2) Recommend cooperative programs among segments of postsecondary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 education to assure appropriate flexibility in the higher education system; and

2 (3) In conjunction with the governing boards, establish standards for
3 articulation agreements.

4 **(B) THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
5 **SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:**

6 **(1) A RECEIVING INSTITUTION THAT DENIES TRANSFER CREDIT TO**
7 **NOTIFY THE TRANSFER COORDINATOR OF THE SENDING INSTITUTION ABOUT THE**
8 **DENIAL WITHIN A TIME THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE THE EARLIEST**
9 **POSSIBLE TIME FOR THE NOTIFICATION AND SPECIFY THE RATIONALE FOR THE**
10 **DENIAL;**

11 **(2) THE TRANSFER COORDINATOR OF THE SENDING INSTITUTION,**
12 **AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF A DENIAL OF TRANSFER CREDIT, TO CONDUCT AN**
13 **INTERNAL REVIEW WITHIN 15 DAYS TO ADDRESS THE REASONS FOR THE DENIAL**
14 **SUBMITTED BY THE RECEIVING INSTITUTION; AND**

15 **(3) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SUBMIT**
16 **AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION LISTING ANY DENIALS OF TRANSFER**
17 **CREDIT AND THE REASONS FOR THE DENIALS.**

18 **[(b)] (C)** The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher
19 education, shall develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby at least
20 60 credits of general education, elective, and major courses that a student earns at any
21 community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree
22 shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit
23 toward a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2016.

24 **[(c)] (D)** The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher
25 education, shall develop and implement a statewide reverse transfer agreement whereby
26 at least 30 credits that a student earns at any public senior higher education institution in
27 the State toward a bachelor's degree are transferable to any community college in the State
28 for credit toward an associate's degree by July 1, 2016.

29 **[(d)] (E)** The Commission and each public institution of higher education shall
30 develop and implement incentives for students to obtain an associate's degree before
31 enrolling in a public senior institution of higher education.

32 **[(e)] (F)** The Commission may recommend procedures and guidelines for
33 consideration by the governing boards of institutions of postsecondary education on:

34 (1) Improvement and coordination of student financial assistance
35 programs; and

1 (2) Other subjects of general interest and concern to the higher education
2 community in the State.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020.