

Chapter 189

(Senate Bill 886)

AN ACT concerning

Transfer With Success Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies the transfer of a credit or course to an enrolled student to report the denial to the student and the institution from which the student originates within a certain amount of time and to submit a certain report each year to the Commission; requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review, in conjunction with a receiving institution's designee, a denial of the transfer of a credit or course; and generally relating to the denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 11–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

11–207.

(a) The Commission shall:

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

(2) Recommend cooperative programs among segments of postsecondary education to assure appropriate flexibility in the higher education system; and

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

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

(1) A RECEIVING INSTITUTION THAT DENIES THE TRANSFER OF A CREDIT OR COURSE TO AN ENROLLED STUDENT TO NOTIFY THE TRANSFER

COORDINATOR OR INSTITUTIONAL DESIGNEE OF THE SENDING INSTITUTION AND THE ENROLLED STUDENT ABOUT THE DENIAL WITHIN A TIME PERIOD THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE THE ~~EARLIEST~~ LATEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR THE NOTIFICATION AND SPECIFY THE RATIONALE FOR THE DENIAL;

(2) THE TRANSFER COORDINATOR OR INSTITUTIONAL DESIGNEE OF THE SENDING INSTITUTION, AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF A DENIAL OF THE TRANSFER OF A CREDIT OR COURSE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECEIVING INSTITUTION'S DESIGNEE, TO CONDUCT A REVIEW WITHIN A TIME PERIOD THE COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE; AND

(3) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION LISTING ANY DENIALS OF THE TRANSFER OF A CREDIT OR COURSE AND THE REASONS FOR THE DENIALS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.