

SENATE BILL NO. 1075

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOENIG.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 178.786, 178.787, and 178.788, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to higher education transfer practices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 178.786, 178.787, and 178.788, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 178.786, 178.787, and 178.788, to read as follows:

178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, with the assistance of an advisory committee composed of representatives from each public community college in this state and each public four-year institution of higher education, shall develop a recommended lower division core curriculum of **[forty-two] sixty** semester credit hours, including a statement of the content, component areas, and objectives of the core curriculum. A majority of the members of the advisory committee shall be faculty members from Missouri public institutions of higher education.

2. The coordinating board shall approve a **transferrable core of lower division courses and** common course numbering equivalency matrix for the **[forty-two] sixty** credit hour block at all institutions of higher education in the state to facilitate the transfer of those courses among institutions of higher education by promoting

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 consistency in course designation and course
19 identification. Each community college and four-year
20 institution of higher education shall include in its course
21 listings the applicable course numbers from the common
22 course numbering equivalency matrix approved by the
23 coordinating board under this subsection.

24 3. The coordinating board shall complete the
25 requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of this section prior to
26 ~~[January 1, 2018]~~ **June 30, 2025**, for implementation of the
27 core curriculum transfer recommendations for the ~~[2018-19]~~
28 **2025-26** academic year for all public institutions of higher
29 education.

178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in
2 section 163.191, and public four-year institution of higher
3 education shall adopt the ~~[forty-two]~~ **sixty** credit hour
4 block, including specific courses comprising the curriculum,
5 based on the core curriculum recommendations made by the
6 coordinating board for higher education under subsections 1
7 and 2 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in
8 the ~~[2018-19]~~ **2025-26** academic year.

9 2. If a student successfully completes the ~~[forty-two]~~
10 **sixty** credit core curriculum at a community college or other
11 public institution of higher education, that block of
12 courses may be transferred to any other public institution
13 of higher education in this state and shall be substituted
14 for the receiving institution's core curriculum. A student
15 shall receive academic credit **toward his or her degree**
16 **program** for each of the courses transferred and shall not be
17 required to take additional core curriculum courses at the
18 receiving institution.

19 3. A student who transfers from one public institution
20 of higher education to another public institution of higher

21 education in the state without completing the [core]
22 **transferrable lower division coursework** curriculum of the
23 sending institution shall receive academic credit **toward his**
24 **or her degree program** from the receiving institution for
25 each of the courses that the student has successfully
26 completed in the core curriculum of the sending
27 institution. Following receipt of credit for these courses,
28 the student may be required to satisfy further course
29 requirements in the core curriculum of the receiving
30 institution.

178.788. 1. **Any student who completes an associate**
2 **degree at a Missouri public institution of higher education**
3 **accredited by a regional accrediting body shall, upon such**
4 **student's transfer to another public institution of higher**
5 **education in the state, be deemed to have satisfied the**
6 **transferrable lower division coursework requirements of the**
7 **receiving institution, and such student shall not be**
8 **required to complete any additional general education**
9 **requirements for the same program of study. A student who**
10 **has completed the general education requirements at a**
11 **Missouri public institution of higher education accredited**
12 **by a regional accrediting body, but who has not earned an**
13 **associate degree, shall, upon such student's transfer to**
14 **another public institution of higher education in the state,**
15 **be deemed to have completed the general education**
16 **requirements of the receiving institution, and all of such**
17 **student's general education credits shall transfer to the**
18 **receiving institution.**

19 2. The coordinating board for higher education, in
20 consultation with the advisory board established in section
21 178.786, shall develop criteria to evaluate the transfer
22 practices of each public institution of higher education in

23 this state and shall evaluate the transfer practices of each
24 institution based on this criteria.

25 [2.] 3. The coordinating board shall develop
26 procedures to be followed by institutions of higher
27 education in resolving disputes concerning the transfer of
28 course credit and by the commissioner of higher education in
29 making a final determination concerning transfer of course
30 credit if a transfer is in dispute.

31 [3.] 4. Each institution of higher education shall
32 publish in its course catalogs and on its official website
33 the procedures adopted by the board under subsections 1 and
34 2 of this section.

35 [4.] 5. If an institution of higher education does not
36 accept course credit earned by a student at another public
37 institution of higher education, that institution shall give
38 written notice to the student and the other institution that
39 the transfer of the course credit is denied. The two
40 institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the
41 transfer of the course credit in accordance with rules
42 promulgated by the coordinating board. If the transfer
43 dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student
44 or the institution at which the credit was earned within
45 forty-five days after the date the student received written
46 notice of the denial, the institution that denies the
47 transfer of the course credit shall notify the commissioner
48 of higher education of its denial and the reasons for the
49 denial.

50 [5.] 6. The commissioner of higher education or his or
51 her designee shall make the final determination about a
52 dispute concerning the transfer of course credit and give
53 written notice of the determination as to the involved
54 student and institutions.

55 [6.] 7. The coordinating board shall collect data on
56 the types of transfer disputes that are reported and the
57 disposition of each case that is considered by the
58 commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's
59 designee.

60 [7.] 8. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789
61 shall not apply to native students who are not seeking to
62 transfer credits nor affect the authority of an institution
63 of higher education to adopt its own admission standards or
64 its own grading policies.

65 [8.] 9. Students enrolled in professional programs
66 shall complete the appropriate core curriculum that is
67 required for accreditation or licensure.

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