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SENATE BILL 18-069

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER**
102 **AGREEMENTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

If an institution of higher education admits as a junior a transfer student who holds an associate of arts degree, associate of applied science degree, or an associate of science degree that is the subject of a statewide degree transfer agreement, and the institution requires the student to complete additional lower-division general education courses in order to complete the baccalaureate degree, the institution is responsible for the

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SENATE
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SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
January 31, 2018

total cost of tuition for any required credit hours above 120 credit hours.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-108, **amend**
3 (7)(b)(II) as follows:

4 **23-1-108. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to**
5 **systemwide planning - reporting - definitions.** (7) (b) (II) (A) A state
6 institution of higher education that admits as a junior a student who holds
7 an associate of arts degree, associate of applied science degree, or
8 associate of science degree that is the subject of a statewide degree
9 transfer agreement ~~may~~ SHALL not require the student to complete any
10 additional ~~credit hours of lower-division general education courses;~~
11 ~~except that the~~ institution may require the student to complete additional
12 lower-division general education courses if necessary for preparation in
13 the degree program in which the student enrolls so long as the additional
14 courses are consistent with published degree program requirements for
15 native students and do not extend the time to degree completion beyond
16 that required for native students in the same degree program. COURSES TO
17 FULFILL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. A STUDENT WHO
18 TRANSFERS UNDER A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT MAY BE
19 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE LOWER-DIVISION COURSES THAT ARE PART OF THE
20 MAJOR, BUT ARE NOT PART OF THE STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER
21 AGREEMENT, IF TAKING THE COURSES DOES NOT REQUIRE THE TRANSFER
22 STUDENT TO TAKE MORE TOTAL CREDIT HOURS TO RECEIVE THE DEGREE
23 THAN A NATIVE STUDENT AND DOES NOT EXTEND THE TOTAL TIME
24 REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THE DEGREE BEYOND THAT REQUIRED FOR A NATIVE
25 STUDENT. A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT REQUIRES

1 A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS UNDER A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER
2 AGREEMENT TO TAKE ANY COURSES BEYOND THE COURSES AUTHORIZED
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)(b)(II) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TOTAL
4 COST OF TUITION, _____ WITHOUT PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENT IN THE
5 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE
6 18 OF THIS TITLE 23, FOR ANY CREDIT HOURS THAT EXCEED THE TOTAL
7 CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR A NATIVE STUDENT OR THAT EXTEND THE
8 TOTAL TIME TO RECEIVE THE DEGREE BEYOND THAT REQUIRED FOR A
9 NATIVE STUDENT. _____ All credit hours of acceptable course work
10 completed by a student who holds an associate of applied science degree
11 that is the subject of a statewide degree transfer agreement and who
12 transfers from the state institution of higher education that awarded the
13 associate degree to a state four-year institution of higher education shall
14 be applicable only to a bachelor of applied science degree program,
15 except for courses that are subject to transfer pursuant to other transfer
16 agreements.

17 (B) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (7)(b)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION
18 ALTERS, AMENDS, CREATES, OR IMPOSES NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR
19 STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE
20 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (7)(b)(II), AS AMENDED.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.