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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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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 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 not require the student to complete any additional
10 credit hours of lower-division general education courses. except that the
11 institution may require the student to complete additional lower-division
12 general education courses if necessary for preparation in the degree
13 program in which the student enrolls so long as the additional courses are
14 consistent with published degree program requirements for native
15 students and do not extend the time to degree completion beyond that
16 required for native students in the same degree program. CREDIT HOURS
17 IN LOWER DIVISION COURSES TO FILL GENERAL EDUCATION
18 REQUIREMENTS. LOWER-DIVISION COURSES THAT ARE PART OF THE MAJOR,
19 BUT ARE NOT PART OF THE STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT,
20 MAY BE REQUIRED AS LONG AS THEY ARE WITHIN THE SIXTY CREDIT HOURS
21 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE DEGREE AND DO NOT EXTEND THE TIME TO
22 DEGREE COMPLETION BEYOND THAT REQUIRED FOR NATIVE STUDENTS IN
23 THE SAME DEGREE PROGRAM. A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
24 EDUCATION THAT REQUIRES A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS UNDER A
25 STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO TAKE ADDITIONAL CREDIT

1 HOURS TO COMPLETE THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
2 TOTAL COST OF TUITION, ___ WITHOUT PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENT IN
3 THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF
4 ARTICLE 18 OF THIS TITLE 23, FOR ANY CREDIT HOURS ABOVE THE
5 REMAINING SIXTY CREDIT HOURS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE INSTITUTION
6 FOR COMPLETION OF THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM. All credit
7 hours of acceptable course work completed by a student who holds an
8 associate of applied science degree that is the subject of a statewide
9 degree transfer agreement and who transfers from the state institution of
10 higher education that awarded the associate degree to a state four-year
11 institution of higher education shall be applicable only to a bachelor of
12 applied science degree program, except for courses that are subject to
13 transfer pursuant to other transfer agreements.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.