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Bill Topic: TRANSFER ACADEMIC CREDITS FOR DYS YOUTHS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** This bill clarifies how academic credit is transferred when a student moves from the Division of Youth Services in the Department of Human Services to a public school district.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

When a student transfers from a placement in the Division of Youth Services (DYS) to a public school, this bill requires that the division certify to the receiving school or school district the course work that the student fully or partially completed. The receiving school district must accept the student's certified course work as if it had been completed at the receiving school, and apply it toward completion of the student's grade level, or graduation requirements if the student is in twelfth grade. The school district may award elective credit for any portion of the course work not aligned with the core academic curriculum of the school or district.

Assessment

Current law specifies the way that academic credit is transferred to receiving schools when a student transitions from out-of-home placement to a public school. This bill applies this procedure when a student transitions from the DYS to a public school. The number of transfers and related workload is unchanged for the division and receiving districts, and no revenue or expenditures are impacted by the bill. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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