

CHAPTER 66

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

SENATE BILL 18-069

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AN ACT

CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved: March 22, 2018