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HOUSE BILL NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides for the transfer of academic credit from public postsecondary education institutions that grant bachelor's degrees to institutions that grant associate's degrees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3161.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:3161.1(C), relative to the  
3 transfer of academic credit between postsecondary education institutions; to require  
4 certain institutions to enter transfer agreements; to provide relative to the facilitation  
5 of credit transfers; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3161.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 17:3161.1(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3161.1. Reverse Transfer Agreements

10 A. Four-year colleges and universities and community colleges ~~are~~  
11 ~~authorized and encouraged to~~ shall enter into reverse articulation or reverse transfer  
12 agreements to facilitate the transfer of academic credits earned by a student while  
13 enrolled in a four-year postsecondary institution back to a community college for the  
14 purpose of enabling a student to complete the requirements for an associate degree  
15 from the community college.

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17 C. The Board of Regents, in collaboration with the Statewide Articulation  
18 and Transfer Council, shall develop, coordinate, and maintain processes to facilitate  
19 the reverse transfer of academic credits.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 231 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires agreements between universities and community colleges that allow the transfer of academic credit from universities to community colleges.

Present law requires the postsecondary education management boards, the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and city, parish, and other local public school boards to develop and implement articulation and transfer programs and agreements that facilitate the transfer of credits between and among public secondary and postsecondary educational institutions and that make the most efficient use of faculty, equipment, and facilities. Encourages independent colleges and universities to participate in developing programs and agreements to facilitate credit transfers. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes and encourages four-year colleges and universities and community colleges to enter articulation or transfer agreements to facilitate the transfer of academic credits earned at a four-year postsecondary institution to a community college for the purpose of enabling students to complete associate degrees.

Proposed law requires, rather than authorizes, such agreements between four-year colleges and universities and community colleges.

Further requires the Bd. of Regents, in collaboration with the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council, to develop, coordinate, and maintain processes in the facilitation of reverse transfer of academic credits.

(Amends R.S. 17:3161.1(A); Enacts R.S. 17:3161.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add requirement that the Bd. of Regents and the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council collaborate to develop processes relative to the reverse transfer of academic credits.