1	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
2	FOR
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5	(By Delegates Perry and Williams)
6	(Originating in the House Committee on Education)
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8	[February 27, 2015]
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10	A BILL to of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
11	section, designated §18B-14-2, relating to providing for recommendations regarding
12	expanded transfer of course credits among higher education institutions in the state; requiring
13	higher education policy commission and council for community and technical college
14	education to report the recommendations to Legislative Oversight Commission on Education
15	Accountability.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
18	section, designated §18B-14-2, to read as follows:
19	ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.
20	§18B-14-2. Transfer of credit for courses completed.
21	(a) The Legislature finds that:

1	(1) The state has an increasing need for individuals with a post-secondary credential or
2	degree;
3	(2) Post-secondary education institutions offering programs primarily below the
4	baccalaureate level often are a more affordable option for students; and
5	(3) Implementing a seamless education system with uniform transfer of credits among post-
6	secondary institutions in the state would greatly benefit students.
7	(b) The commission and council jointly shall develop recommendations for implementing
8	course credit transfer among private and public higher education institutions in the state. The
9	commission and council shall report the recommendations to the Legislative Oversight Commission
10	on Education Accountability by December 1, 2015. The recommendations shall address the
11	following:
12	(1) Providing a uniform method for transferring credit between institutions for a course
13	successfully completed by a student if:
14	(A) The course curriculum of the sending institution is at least seventy percent the same or
15	similar to that of the receiving institution;
16	(B) The sending institution validates that the student successfully competed the course for
17	which credit will be transferred; and
18	(C) The sending institution is accredited by a regional, national, programmatic or other
19	accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Act
20	of 1965, as amended;
21	(2) Establishing a uniform method for each institution to provide clear and specific details

I	of course content for each course it offers in a manner that allows a sending institution to determine:
2	(A) Whether its course is at least seventy percent the same or similar to the receiving
3	institution; and if not,
4	(B) What changes to its course curriculum is needed to achieve the seventy percent level;
5	(3) Providing to the student and sending institution clear and specific details regarding:
6	(A) Reasons that a receiving institution denies course credit transfer; and
7	(B) Additional information or actions, if any, necessary to permit the transfer; and
8	(4) Allowing a student to resubmit a course credit transfer request following denial.