1 **H. B. 2594**

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3 (By Delegates McGeehan, Canterbury, Faircloth, Hill,
4 Kessinger and Ihle)
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6 [Introduced February 4, 2015; referred to the

7 Committee on Education.]

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10 A BILL to amend of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

11 designated §18B-14-2, relating to transfer of course credit among higher education

12 institutions; requiring that all higher education institutions in the state award credit to transfer

13 students for similar courses completed at a different institution.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new

16 section, designated §18B-14-2, to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 14.  MISCELLANEOUS.**

18 **§18B-14-2.  Transfer of credit for courses completed.**

19 (a) This section may be known and shall be cited as the "Higher Education Opportunity

20 Improvement Act".

21 (b) The Legislature finds that:

22 (1) The state has an increasing need for individuals with a post-secondary credential or

23 degree;

1      (2) A growing number of hard-working individuals find community and technical colleges

2  to be a more affordable option to start their college career; and

3      (3) The state can help students become successful by implementing a seamless education

4  system and uniform transfer of credits with special attention to transfers between community and

5  technical colleges and four-year institutions.

6      (c) Effective immediately, a public or private institution of higher education in this state shall

7  award credit to a student transferring to the institution for a course successfully completed at a

8  different institution of higher education, if the curriculum of that course includes seventy percent of

9  the curriculum of a similar course at the receiving institution.


NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that all higher education institutions in the state award credit to transfer students for similar courses completed at a different institution.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.