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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

for

H. B. 2867

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[Passed March 14, 2015;
in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-14-2, relating to providing for recommendations regarding expanded transfer of course credits among higher education institutions in the state; requiring higher education policy commission and council for community and technical college education to report the recommendations to Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-14-2, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

1 (a) The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) The state has an increasing need for individuals with a
3 post-secondary credential or degree;

4 (2) Post-secondary education institutions offering programs
5 primarily below the baccalaureate level often are a more
6 affordable option for students; and

7 (3) Implementing a seamless education system with uniform
8 transfer of credits among post-secondary institutions in the state
9 would greatly benefit students.

10 (b) The commission and council jointly shall develop
11 recommendations for implementing course credit transfer among
12 private and public higher education institutions in the state.
13 When developing policy regarding transfer affecting private
14 institutions, the commission and council shall consult with at
15 least two representatives from the private higher education
16 institutions. The commission and council shall report the
17 recommendations on public higher education institutions to the
18 Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability
19 by December 1, 2015. The commission and council shall report
20 the recommendations on private higher education institutions to
21 the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Account-
22 ability by December 1, 2017. The recommendations shall
23 address the following:

24 (1) Providing a uniform method for transferring credit
25 between institutions for a course successfully completed by a
26 student if:

27 (A) The course curriculum of the sending institution is at
28 least seventy percent the same or similar to that of the receiving
29 institution;

30 (B) The sending institution validates that the student
31 successfully completed the course for which credit will be
32 transferred; and

33 (C) The sending institution is accredited by a regional,
34 national, programmatic or other accrediting body recognized by
35 the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education
36 Act of 1965, as amended;

37 (2) Establishing a uniform method for each institution to
38 provide clear and specific details of course content for each
39 course it offers in a manner that allows a sending institution to
40 determine:

41 (A) Whether its course is at least seventy percent the same
42 or similar to the receiving institution; and if not,

43 (B) What changes to its course curriculum is needed to
44 achieve the seventy percent level;

45 (3) Providing to the student and sending institution clear and
46 specific details regarding:

47 (A) Reasons that a receiving institution denies course credit
48 transfer; and

49 (B) Additional information or actions, if any, necessary to
50 permit the transfer; and

51 (4) Allowing a student to resubmit a course credit transfer
52 request following denial.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2015.

Governor

