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House Bill 2594

2015 Carryover

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Committee on Education.]

1 A BILL to amend of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §18B-14-2, relating to transfer of course credit among higher
 3 education institutions; requiring that all higher education institutions in the state award
 4 credit to transfer students for similar courses completed at a different institution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

1 (a) This section may be known and shall be cited as the "Higher Education Opportunity
 2 Improvement Act".

3 (b) The Legislature finds that:

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

6 (2) A growing number of hard-working individuals find community and technical colleges
 7 to be a more affordable option to start their college career; and

8 (3) The state can help students become successful by implementing a seamless education
 9 system and uniform transfer of credits with special attention to transfers between community and
 10 technical colleges and four-year institutions.

11 (c) Effective immediately, a public or private institution of higher education in this state
 12 shall award credit to a student transferring to the institution for a course successfully completed
 13 at a different institution of higher education, if the curriculum of that course includes seventy
 14 percent of 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.