

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1400

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5 By: Representative Burris
6 By: Senator Laverty

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO PROVIDE MORE
11 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TRANSFER OF CREDITS FOR
12 LOWER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES BETWEEN
13 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-218 is amended to read as follows:
27 6-61-218. Minimum college core - Transferability.

28 (a) In order to promote a coordinated system of higher education in
29 Arkansas and to assure an orderly and effective development of each of the
30 publicly supported institutions of higher education, the Arkansas Higher
31 Education Coordinating Board shall establish in consultation with the
32 colleges and universities a minimum core of courses which shall apply toward
33 the general education core curriculum requirements for baccalaureate degrees
34 at state-supported institutions of higher education and which shall be fully
35 transferable between state institutions.

36 (b)(1) By July 1, 2006, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating



1 Board shall develop an Arkansas Transfer Curriculum program so that freshman
2 and sophomore general education courses that are applicable toward the
3 requirements for baccalaureate degrees may be more readily transferred for
4 full credit at other state-supported two-year colleges and four-year
5 universities in the state.

6 (2) The Arkansas Transfer Curriculum program shall list all
7 general education core curriculum courses for baccalaureate degrees at state-
8 supported institutions of higher education that shall be transferable for
9 full-credit in its subject-matter area of emphasis between state-supported
10 institutions of higher education as identified in subsection (a) of this
11 section that are taught:

12 (A) At a state-supported institution that is accredited by
13 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; and

14 (B) By faculty having the same credentials as those
15 required by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association
16 of Colleges and Schools for college faculty.

17 (c) By July 1, 2006, the Department of Higher Education shall create
18 and make accessible to parents and students an Internet-based manual that
19 identifies and describes how freshman and sophomore general education courses
20 at state-supported institutions of higher education may be transferred to all
21 other state-supported institutions of higher education in Arkansas.

22 (d) All state-supported institutions of higher education shall accept
23 for full credit in its subject-matter area of emphasis any course on the
24 Arkansas transfer curriculum program completed by a student if the student
25 received a grade of "C" or higher in the course.

26 (e)(1)(A) By July 1, 2006, each state-supported institution shall
27 adopt the requirements of the Arkansas transfer curriculum program and
28 provide the Department of Higher Education and students a chart of courses
29 for each program that lists the courses on the Arkansas Transfer Curriculum
30 program that will be accepted for transfer credit in the program.

31 (B) The chart of courses shall be updated by July 1 each
32 year and include a guide to the institution's transferable courses and
33 transfer policies.

34 (C) The institution's transfer policy shall include a
35 provision that requires the institution to provide students with a written
36 explanation detailing each reason for declining to accept any course or

1 credit hours toward the program.

2 (2) The chart of courses shall include a list of any freshman or
3 sophomore general education course offered by the state-supported institution
4 of higher education that is not on the Arkansas transfer curriculum program
5 and those courses shall be designated in the institution's catalogue and
6 other related publications.

7 (3) Copies of the chart of courses and guide shall be made
8 available to the transfer officer at each state-supported institution of
9 higher education and to the Department of Higher Education.

10 (4) The state-supported institutions of higher education shall
11 file a report each semester with the Department of Higher Education
12 identifying the number of students who requested transfer credit for
13 completed courses but were not given credit.

14 (f) A student shall be entitled to a full refund of tuition and fees
15 charged for any course on the Arkansas transfer curriculum program that the
16 student was required to take, if the student completed the course at another
17 state-supported institution in Arkansas, received a grade of "C" or better
18 from the institution, requested a transfer, and was denied full credit in its
19 subject-matter area of emphasis.

20 (g) Private institutions of higher education may participate in the
21 Arkansas transfer curriculum program if the institution complies with all
22 state law, including rules and regulations, governing the program.

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