

HOUSE BILL 719

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Transfer Students – Courses Counting Toward Chosen**
3 **Degree**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop and
5 implement a certain agreement in collaboration with certain institutions of higher
6 education; requiring a certain agreement to require public senior higher education
7 institutions to offer transfer students from community colleges certain course
8 offerings free of charge under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
9 students transferring from community colleges to public senior higher education
10 institutions.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 11–207
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Education**

19 11–207.

20 (a) The Commission shall:

21 (1) Establish procedures for transfer of students between the public
22 segments of postsecondary education;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Recommend cooperative programs among segments of postsecondary
2 education to assure appropriate flexibility in the higher education system; and

3 (3) In conjunction with the governing boards, establish standards for
4 articulation agreements.

5 (b) The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher
6 education, shall develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby at least
7 60 credits of general education, elective, and major courses that a student earns at any
8 community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree
9 shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit
10 toward a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2016.

11 (c) THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUBLIC
12 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
13 STATEWIDE AGREEMENT REQUIRING A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION
14 INSTITUTION IN THE STATE THAT ACCEPTS A TRANSFER STUDENT FROM A
15 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO:

16 (1) IDENTIFY ANY COURSE THAT THE TRANSFER STUDENT HAS
17 COMPLETED THAT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNTS TOWARD THE TRANSFER
18 STUDENT'S CHOSEN DEGREE BUT THE PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION
19 INSTITUTION DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE TRANSFER STUDENT'S EQUIVALENT
20 DEGREE; AND

21 (2) FOR ANY COURSE IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION, OFFER THE TRANSFER STUDENT A SUBSTITUTE COURSE COUNTING
23 TOWARD THE TRANSFER STUDENT'S CHOSEN DEGREE AT NO COST TO THE
24 TRANSFER STUDENT.

25 [(c)] (D) The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher
26 education, shall develop and implement a statewide reverse transfer agreement whereby
27 at least 30 credits that a student earns at any public senior higher education institution in
28 the State toward a bachelor's degree are transferable to any community college in the State
29 for credit toward an associate's degree by July 1, 2016.

30 [(d)] (E) The Commission and each public institution of higher education shall
31 develop and implement incentives for students to obtain an associate's degree before
32 enrolling in a public senior institution of higher education.

33 [(e)] (F) The Commission may recommend procedures and guidelines for
34 consideration by the governing boards of institutions of postsecondary education on:

35 (1) Improvement and coordination of student financial assistance
36 programs; and

1 (2) Other subjects of general interest and concern to the higher education
2 community in the State.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020.