

SENATE BILL 886

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transfer With Success Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish
4 certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies
5 the transfer of a credit or course to an enrolled student to report the denial to the
6 student and the institution from which the student originates within a certain
7 amount of time and to submit a certain report each year to the Commission;
8 requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review, in conjunction with
9 a receiving institution's designee, a denial of the transfer of a credit or course; and
10 generally relating to the denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 11–207
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 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;

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (B) THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
4 SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:

5 (1) A RECEIVING INSTITUTION THAT DENIES THE TRANSFER OF A
6 CREDIT OR COURSE TO AN ENROLLED STUDENT TO NOTIFY THE TRANSFER
7 COORDINATOR OR INSTITUTIONAL DESIGNEE OF THE SENDING INSTITUTION AND
8 THE ENROLLED STUDENT ABOUT THE DENIAL WITHIN A TIME PERIOD THAT THE
9 COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR THE
10 NOTIFICATION AND SPECIFY THE RATIONALE FOR THE DENIAL;

11 (2) THE TRANSFER COORDINATOR OR INSTITUTIONAL DESIGNEE OF
12 THE SENDING INSTITUTION, AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF A DENIAL OF THE
13 TRANSFER OF A CREDIT OR COURSE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECEIVING
14 INSTITUTION'S DESIGNEE, TO CONDUCT A REVIEW WITHIN A TIME PERIOD THE
15 COMMISSION DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE; AND

16 (3) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SUBMIT
17 AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION LISTING ANY DENIALS OF THE TRANSFER
18 OF A CREDIT OR COURSE AND THE REASONS FOR THE DENIALS.

19 [(b)] (C) The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher
20 education, shall develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby at least
21 60 credits of general education, elective, and major courses that a student earns at any
22 community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree
23 shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit
24 toward a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2016.

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

1 programs; and

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2021.