

# HOUSE BILL 569

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(4lr1560)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/Education, Energy, and the Environment —

Introduced by **Delegate Solomon**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Credit Eligibility and Transfer of Credits – English as a**

3 **Second Language Courses**

4 **(Credit for All Language Learning (CALL) Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring a public community college to consider certain language  
6 courses as eligible for certain credits toward an associate’s degree under certain  
7 circumstances; requiring that certain credits for certain language or humanities  
8 courses earned by students who transfer from certain community colleges to certain  
9 institutions of higher education be transferable; ~~prohibiting~~ requiring certain  
10 institutions of higher education ~~from denying~~ to review and consider the transfer of  
11 certain credits for certain language or humanities courses ~~for any reason~~; and  
12 generally relating to the transfer of credits from community colleges to institutions  
13 of higher education.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Article – Education  
2 Section 10–101(c) and (h)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Education  
7 Section 11–207(c) and 15–117(b)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 11–207.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 10–101.

19 (c) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

20 (h) (1) “Institution of higher education” means an institution of postsecondary  
21 education that generally limits enrollment to graduates of secondary schools, and awards  
22 degrees at either the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level.

23 (2) “Institution of higher education” includes public, private nonprofit, and  
24 for-profit institutions of higher education.

25 11–207.

26 (c) (1) The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher  
27 education, shall develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby at least  
28 60 credits of general education, elective, and major courses that a student earns at any  
29 community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree  
30 shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit  
31 toward a bachelor’s degree by July 1, 2016.

32 (2) (I) THE AGREEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
33 SUBSECTION SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY CREDITS EARNED FOR A COURSE AT A  
34 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15–117(B)(3) OF THIS

1 ARTICLE BE TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
2 IN THE STATE.

3 (II) ~~AN~~ A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE  
4 STATE MAY NOT DENY THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
5 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR ANY REASON.

6 11-207.1.

7 (A) ANY CREDITS EARNED FOR A COURSE AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN  
8 THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-117(B)(3) OF THIS ARTICLE ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE  
9 TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
10 IN THE STATE.

11 (B) A PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE  
12 STATE ~~MAY NOT DENY~~ SHALL REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ~~FOR ANY REASON.~~

14 15-117.

15 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, beginning with  
16 fall 2015, the standard number of credits required for an associate's degree from a public  
17 community college is 60 credit hours.

18 (2) The standard number of credits required under paragraph (1) of this  
19 subsection does not apply if:

20 (i) The degree program is defined as more than a 2-year associate's  
21 degree;

22 (ii) Professional accreditation requires a higher number of credit  
23 hours or requires course work that cannot be completed in 60 credits; or

24 (iii) Certification requirements result in a need for credit hours in  
25 excess of 60.

26 (3) A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL CONSIDER A COURSE OR  
27 PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER  
28 AS ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER WORLD LANGUAGE OR HUMANITIES ~~ELECTIVES~~ CREDIT,  
29 OR BOTH, TOWARD A STUDENT'S ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IF THE COURSE IS NOT  
30 CLASSIFIED BY THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS A REMEDIAL COURSE.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
32 1, 2024.