SENATE BILL 620

By: Senator Cassilly
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures – Workgroup Study
(Maryland Articulation and Transfer Act)

FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures of Institutions of Higher Education in the State to study obstacles encountered by students transferring between community colleges and four–year institutions of higher education in the State; and generally relating to institutions of higher education in the State.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Workgroup on Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures of Institutions of Higher Education in the State.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) the following members representing community colleges in the State, appointed by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges:

(i) one president;

(ii) one vice president of academic affairs; and

(iii) one vice president of student affairs; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
Brackets indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(3) the following members representing four–year institutions of higher education in the State, appointed by the Maryland Independent College and University Association:

(i) one president;

(ii) one vice president of academic affairs; and

(iii) one vice president of student affairs.

(c) From among its members the Workgroup shall elect:

(1) one representative of a community college to serve as cochair; and

(2) one representative of a four–year institution of higher education to serve as cochair.

(d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) study the current system of articulation agreements and transfer procedures in the State to identify obstacles students encounter when transferring between community colleges and four–year institutions of higher education in the State; and

(2) make recommendations to remedy any identified obstacles under paragraph (1) of this subsection, including proposing a timeline for implementation or adoption of the recommendations.

(g) On or before January 1, 2023, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.