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**Bill Number:** House Bill 1159

**Position:** Letter of Information

**Title:** Higher Education – Community College Credits – General Education Courses

**Committee:** House Appropriations Committee

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### **Bill Summary:**

House Bill 1159 requires Maryland Higher Education Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher education in the State, to develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby all general education credits that a student earns at any community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit toward a bachelor's degree without further review or a testing requirement.

### **Information:**

MHEC regulations stipulate similar, if not exact, requirements. Specifically, COMAR 13B.06.01.04.F (<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/13b/13b.06.01.04.htm>) states:

- (1) A student transferring to one public institution from another public institution shall receive general education credit for work completed at the student's sending institution as provided by this chapter.
- (2) A completed general education program shall transfer without further review or approval by the receiving institution and without the need for a course-by-course match.
- (3) Courses that are defined as general education by one institution shall transfer as general education even if the receiving institution does not have that specific course or has not designated that course as general education.

MHEC will continue to work with colleges and universities to ensure that appropriate leadership (e.g., registrars, academic advisors, etc) are well aware of these requirements.

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