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Bill Number: Senate Bill 620

Position: Letter of Information

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

Committee: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

Hearing Date: March 8, 2022

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 620 establishes 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. It requires the Workgroup to make recommendation to remedy any identified obstacles and report its findings to the Governor and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House by January 1, 2023.

Information:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has been working on transfer related issues for several years. Most recent initiatives focus on implementing the Transfer with Success Act of 2021, including regulatory revisions. Draft regulations will alter the requirements for articulation agreements (aka transfer agreements). Guidance regarding these regulatory changes will be circulated to campuses later this spring. Any immediate study of these revised regulations related to articulation agreements would likely be premature.

Additionally, the draft regulations establish a permanent Student Transfer Advisory Committee for the purposes of reviewing and providing recommendations on issues relating to student transfer. The workgroup established by Senate Bill 620 would likely be redundant of the work of the Student Transfer Advisory Committee.

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