

1 (1) The state has an increasing need for individuals with a post-secondary credential or
2 degree;

3 (2) Post-secondary education institutions offering programs primarily below the
4 baccalaureate level often are a more affordable option for students; and

5 (3) Implementing a seamless education system with uniform transfer of credits among post-
6 secondary institutions in the state would greatly benefit students.

7 (b) The commission and council jointly shall develop recommendations for implementing
8 course credit transfer among private and public higher education institutions in the state. The
9 commission and council shall report the recommendations to the Legislative Oversight Commission
10 on Education Accountability by December 1, 2015. The recommendations shall address the
11 following:

12 (1) Providing a uniform method for transferring credit between institutions for a course
13 successfully completed by a student if:

14 (A) The course curriculum of the sending institution is at least seventy percent the same or
15 similar to that of the receiving institution;

16 (B) The sending institution validates that the student successfully completed the course for
17 which credit will be transferred; and

18 (C) The sending institution is accredited by a regional, national, programmatic or other
19 accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Act
20 of 1965, as amended;

21 (2) Establishing a uniform method for each institution to provide clear and specific details

1 of course content for each course it offers in a manner that allows a sending institution to determine:

2 (A) Whether its course is at least seventy percent the same or similar to the receiving
3 institution; and if not,

4 (B) What changes to its course curriculum is needed to achieve the seventy percent level;

5 (3) Providing to the student and sending institution clear and specific details regarding:

6 (A) Reasons that a receiving institution denies course credit transfer; and

7 (B) Additional information or actions, if any, necessary to permit the transfer; and

8 (4) Allowing a student to resubmit a course credit transfer request following denial.