

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

3 **FOR**

4 **H. B. 2867**

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6 (By Delegates Perry and Williams)

7 (Originating in the House Committee on Education)

8
9 [February 27, 2015]

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11 AN ACT to of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
12 section, designated §18B-14-2, relating to providing for recommendations regarding
13 expanded transfer of course credits among higher education institutions in the state; requiring
14 higher education policy commission and council for community and technical college
15 education to report the recommendations to Legislative Oversight Commission on Education
16 Accountability.

17 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

18 That of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
19 section, designated §18B-14-2, to read as follows:

20 **ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.**

21 **§18B-14-2. Transfer of credit for courses completed.**

1 (a) The Legislature finds that:

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

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

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

8 (b) The commission and council jointly shall develop recommendations for implementing
9 course credit transfer among private and public higher education institutions in the state. When
10 developing policy regarding transfer affecting private institutions, the commission and council shall
11 consult with at least two representatives from the private higher education institutions. The
12 commission and council shall report the recommendations on public higher education institutions
13 to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability by December 1, 2015. The
14 commission and council shall report the recommendations on private higher education institutions
15 to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability by December 1, 2017. The
16 recommendations shall address the following:

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

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

21 (B) The sending institution validates that the student successfully completed the course for

1 which credit will be transferred; and

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

5 (2) Establishing a uniform method for each institution to provide clear and specific details
6 of course content for each course it offers in a manner that allows a sending institution to determine:

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

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

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

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

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

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