

A bill for an act

relating to higher education; regulating the transfer of credits within institutions belonging to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[136F.302] CREDIT TRANSFER.**

The Board of Trustees must develop and maintain a systemwide effective and efficient mechanism for seamless student transfer between system institutions that has a goal of minimal loss of credits for transferring students. The development and maintenance of the system must, without limitation, address the following:

(1) alignment of institution curriculum;

(2) automatic transfer between similar programs;

(3) noncumbersome documentation for transfer-related agreements between institutions;

(4) systemwide transfer information on the Internet that is easily accessible and maintained in a current and accurate status;

(5) training for campus-level staff to provide accurate and consistent advice to students;

(6) institutional rather than student obligation to provide prompt required documentation for course equivalency determinations; and

(7) uniformity of transfer policies among institutions.

Sec. 2. **REPORT OF CREDIT TRANSFER ACTIVITIES.**

H.F. No. 3164, as introduced - 86th Legislative Session (2009-2010) [10-5544]

2.1 The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall report
2.2 on February 15, 2011, and annually thereafter through 2015, on its activities to achieve
2.3 the credit transfer goals of Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.302, and the results of those
2.4 activities. The report shall be made to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.5 legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education policy and finance.
2.6 The goals of Minnesota Statutes, section 136F.302, should be fully achieved as soon as
2.7 possible, but no later than the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.