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A bill for an act

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relating to education; directing eligible public postsecondary institutions to give

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full credit to students for completed PSEO courses; requiring a report; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 124D.09, subdivision 12; 135A.101, by

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adding a subdivision.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.09, subdivision 12, is amended to

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read:

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Subd. 12. **Credits.** A pupil must not audit a course under this section.

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A district shall grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary

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credit if the pupil successfully completes the course. Seven quarter or four semester

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college credits equal at least one full year of high school credit. Fewer college credits may

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be prorated. A district must also grant academic credit to a pupil enrolled in a course for

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postsecondary credit if secondary credit is requested by a pupil. If no comparable course is

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offered by the district, the district must, as soon as possible, notify the commissioner, who

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shall determine the number of credits that shall be granted to a pupil who successfully

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completes a course. If a comparable course is offered by the district, the school board

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shall grant a comparable number of credits to the pupil. If there is a dispute between the

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district and the pupil regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the

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pupil may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision

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regarding the number of credits shall be final.

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The secondary credits granted to a pupil must be counted toward the graduation

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requirements and subject area requirements of the district. Evidence of successful

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completion of each course and secondary credits granted must be included in the pupil's

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secondary school record. A pupil shall provide the school with a copy of the pupil's grade

in each course taken for secondary credit under this section. Upon the request of a pupil, the pupil's secondary school record must also include evidence of successful completion and credits granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit. In either case, the record must indicate that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.

If a pupil enrolls in a postsecondary institution after leaving secondary school, the postsecondary institution must award postsecondary credit for any course successfully completed for secondary credit at that institution. Other postsecondary institutions may award, after a pupil leaves secondary school, postsecondary credit for any courses successfully completed under this section. An institution may not charge a pupil for the award of credit.

The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota must, and private nonprofit and proprietary postsecondary institutions should, award postsecondary credit for any successfully completed courses in a program certified by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships offered according to an agreement under subdivision 10. Consistent with section 135A.101, subdivision 3, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and later.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 135A.101, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. Minnesota transfer curriculum. Notwithstanding section 135A.08 or other law to the contrary, all MnSCU institutions must give full credit to a secondary pupil who completes for postsecondary credit a postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum at a MnSCU institution when the pupil enrolls in a MnSCU institution after leaving secondary school. Once one MnSCU institution certifies as completed a secondary student's postsecondary course or program that is part or all of a goal area or a transfer curriculum, every MnSCU institution must consider the student's course or program for that goal area or the transfer curriculum as completed.

3.1 To assist secondary students and create system efficiencies, the MnSCU chancellor is
3.2 encouraged to develop a common naming and numbering convention for courses defined
3.3 under section 124D.09, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

3.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.

3.5 Sec. 3. **TRANSFER CURRICULUM REPORT.**

3.6 By February 1, 2016, the chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and
3.7 Universities must prepare and submit to the K-12 and higher education committees of
3.8 the legislature a report describing the implementation of the transfer curriculum policy
3.9 for postsecondary enrollment options program students under Minnesota Statutes,
3.10 sections 124D.09, subdivision 12, and 135A.101, subdivision 3, and how to standardize
3.11 Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college-level exam program course
3.12 equivalencies across all state colleges and universities.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.