

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

January 28, 2020

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB20-1002 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 12 through 27.

2 Strike pages 4 through 8 and substitute:

3           **"SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-5-145.5 as  
4 follows:

5           **23-5-145.5. Credit for work-related experience - plan - report**  
6 **- definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE  
7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8           (a) "COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "COMMISSION" HAS  
9 THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-1-101.1 (1).

10           (b) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COUNCIL CREATED AND EXISTING  
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-108.5, CONVENED BY THE COMMISSION ON  
12 HIGHER EDUCATION.

13           (c) "GUARANTEED-TRANSFER PATHWAYS" OR "GT PATHWAYS"  
14 MEANS THE STATEWIDE ARTICULATION MATRIX SYSTEM OF COMMON  
15 COURSE NUMBERING FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES DESCRIBED IN  
16 SECTION 23-1-108.5 (3)(c).

17           (d) "STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "INSTITUTION"  
18 HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-1-135 (2).

19           (e) "STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT" MEANS A  
20 STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
21 23-1-108 (7).

22           (f) "WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE" MEANS ANY EXPERIENCE  
23 ACQUIRED WITHIN THE PAST TEN YEARS THROUGH PAID OR UNPAID

1 EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SELF-EMPLOYMENT, AN  
2 INTERNSHIP, A RESIDENCY, A PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, OR AN  
3 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT MAY LEAD TO OR RESULT IN A BUSINESS  
4 CREDENTIAL, AN INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL, A TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE, OR  
5 A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE.

6 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, THE COMMISSION, IN  
7 CONSULTATION WITH ALL STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
8 SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ANY  
9 COURSE IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM THROUGH SUCCESSFUL  
10 COMPLETION OF A PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT,  
11 EXAMINATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO  
12 THE LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE.

13 (b) BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH  
14 INSTITUTION SHALL GRANT FULL COURSE CREDIT TO A STUDENT FOR A  
15 COURSE THAT THE STUDENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THROUGH THE  
16 REQUIRED PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT,  
17 EXAMINATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF FREE OF TUITION. ANY  
18 COURSE CREDIT GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST BE  
19 TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO COMMISSION  
20 POLICY REGARDING GT PATHWAYS OR A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER  
21 AGREEMENT.

22 (c) AN INSTITUTION MAY ESTABLISH AND CHARGE A FEE TO A  
23 STUDENT TO ADMINISTER A PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL  
24 ASSESSMENT, EXAMINATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF. A FEE MUST  
25 BE TRANSPARENT AND REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST TO ADMINISTER A  
26 PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT, EXAMINATION, OR ANY  
27 COMBINATION THEREOF, INCLUDING FACULTY OR STAFF TIME AND  
28 RESOURCES, AND ANY APPROPRIATELY AMORTIZED INFRASTRUCTURE  
29 COST.

30 (d) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JULY 1  
31 THEREAFTER, EACH INSTITUTION SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION  
32 REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (2). THE REPORT  
33 MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

34 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WERE AWARDED CREDIT AND  
35 TRANSFERRED CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2);

36 (II) DATA REGARDING THE AGE AND DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENTS  
37 WHO WERE AWARDED CREDIT AND TRANSFERRED CREDIT TO OR FROM THE  
38 INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2); AND

39 (III) THE FEE ESTABLISHED AND CHARGED BY THE INSTITUTION, IF  
40 ANY, TO ADMINISTER A PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT,  
41 EXAMINATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF PURSUANT TO THIS

1 SUBSECTION (2).  
2 (3) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, THE COUNCIL, IN  
3 COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION, SHALL CREATE, ADOPT, AND  
4 IMPLEMENT A PLAN, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PLAN", TO  
5 AWARD POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR COURSES IN GT  
6 PATHWAYS OR A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR  
7 LEARNING DEMONSTRATED FROM WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE. IN  
8 CREATING THE PLAN, PRIORITY MAY BE GIVEN TO WORK-RELATED  
9 EXPERIENCE THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO WORKFORCE DEMANDS AND GROWING  
10 INDUSTRIES IDENTIFIED BY THE MOST RECENT COLORADO TALENT PIPELINE  
11 REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-103 OR IDENTIFIED IN  
12 CONSULTATION WITH THE COLORADO WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT  
13 COUNCIL IN SECTION 24-46.3-101.  
14 (4) THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE:  
15 (a) A PROCESS FOR ASSESSING AND ALIGNING WORK-RELATED  
16 EXPERIENCE TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCIES REQUIRED FOR  
17 AWARDED POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR COURSES IN GT  
18 PATHWAYS OR A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT, WHICH  
19 CREDIT GRANTED MUST BE TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION  
20 PURSUANT TO COMMISSION POLICY REGARDING GT PATHWAYS OR A  
21 STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT; AND  
22 (b) A PROCESS FOR EVALUATING CREDENTIALS EARNED BY A  
23 STUDENT AT AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
24 23-60-802 AND DETERMINING HOW POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC CREDIT  
25 WILL TRANSFER FROM AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGES, IF APPROPRIATE, TO  
26 PUBLIC TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
27 EDUCATION.  
28 (5) THE COUNCIL, IN CREATING THE PLAN, SHALL CONSULT WITH:  
29 (a) REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
30 LIMITED TO, FACULTY MEMBERS AND REGISTRARS;  
31 (b) REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT  
32 STUDENTS IN COLORADO;  
33 (c) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLORADO WORK FORCE  
34 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL;  
35 (d) REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIES WITH HIGH WORKFORCE  
36 DEMAND AND GROWING INDUSTRIES IDENTIFIED IN THE MOST RECENT  
37 COLORADO TALENT PIPELINE REPORT AND ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING  
38 THEM; AND  
39 (e) REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION.  
40 (6) UPON COMPLETION OF THE PLAN, THE COUNCIL, IN  
41 COLLABORATION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION

1 (5) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD EXPANDING  
2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR AWARDING POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR  
3 LEARNING ACQUIRED FROM WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE NOT OTHERWISE  
4 ADDRESSED IN THIS SECTION.

5 (7) BEGINNING IN THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR, UNLESS THE PLAN  
6 IS IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC  
7 YEAR, AN INSTITUTION SHALL ACCEPT IN AND TRANSFER WITHIN THE  
8 INSTITUTION AND TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS POSTSECONDARY ACADEMIC  
9 CREDIT AWARDED FOR WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE FOR A COURSE THAT  
10 IS GT PATHWAYS DESIGNATED OR PART OF A STATEWIDE DEGREE  
11 TRANSFER AGREEMENT.

12 (8) (a) DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
13 SEVENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2022, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF  
15 THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
16 COMMITTEES, REGARDING THE CREATION, ADOPTION, AND  
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

18 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.

19 (9) (a) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH  
20 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO THE  
21 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING THE  
23 CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION. THE REPORT MUST  
24 INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

25 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WERE AWARDED CREDITS AND  
26 WHO TRANSFERRED CREDITS TO OR FROM AN INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO  
27 THIS SECTION;

28 (II) DATA REGARDING THE AGE AND DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENTS  
29 WHO WERE AWARDED CREDITS AND WHO TRANSFERRED CREDITS TO OR  
30 FROM AN INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION;

31 (III) THE IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES OF THIS SECTION;

32 (IV) THE FEE ESTABLISHED AND CHARGED BY INSTITUTIONS, IF  
33 ANY, TO ADMINISTER A PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT, INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT,  
34 EXAMINATION, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
35 (2) OF THIS SECTION;

36 (V) THE DIRECT COSTS IMPOSED ON INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
37 THIS SECTION; AND

38 (VI) ANY RECOMMENDED STATUTORY REVISIONS TO THIS SECTION.

39 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136  
40 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
41 (9) CONTINUES UNTIL THE REPEAL OF THIS SUBSECTION (9).

1 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (9) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2029.  
2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-125, **add** (4.7)  
3 as follows:

4 **23-1-125. Commission directive - student bill of rights - degree**  
5 **requirements - implementation of core courses - competency test -**  
6 **prior learning - prior work-related experience. (4.7) Prior**  
7 **work-related experience.** PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-5-145.5, THE  
8 COUNCIL CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-108.5, IN  
9 COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION, SHALL CREATE, ADOPT, AND  
10 IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO DETERMINE AND AWARD POSTSECONDARY  
11 ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE.

12 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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