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SENATE BILL 18-069

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER
102 AGREEMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

If an institution of higher education admits as a junior a transfer student who holds an associate of arts degree, associate of applied science degree, or an associate of science degree that is the subject of a statewide degree transfer agreement, and the institution requires the student to complete additional lower-division general education courses in order to complete the baccalaureate degree, the institution is responsible for the

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total cost of tuition for any required credit hours above 120 credit hours.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-108, **amend**
3 (7)(b)(II) as follows:

4 **23-1-108. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to**
5 **systemwide planning - reporting - definitions.** (7) (b) (II) A state
6 institution of higher education that admits as a junior a student who holds
7 an associate of arts degree, associate of applied science degree, or
8 associate of science degree that is the subject of a statewide degree
9 transfer agreement may not require the student to complete any additional
10 credit hours of lower-division general education courses. ~~except that the~~
11 ~~institution may require the student to complete additional lower-division~~
12 ~~general education courses if necessary for preparation in the degree~~
13 ~~program in which the student enrolls so long as the additional courses are~~
14 ~~consistent with published degree program requirements for native~~
15 ~~students and do not extend the time to degree completion beyond that~~
16 ~~required for native students in the same degree program.~~ A STATE
17 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT REQUIRES A STUDENT TO
18 COMPLETE ADDITIONAL CREDIT HOURS OF LOWER-DIVISION GENERAL
19 EDUCATION COURSES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TOTAL COST OF TUITION,
20 WITHOUT PARTICIPATION BY THE STUDENT IN THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY
21 FUND PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THIS TITLE 23, FOR
22 ANY CREDIT HOURS ABOVE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY CREDIT HOURS THAT
23 ARE REQUIRED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR COMPLETION OF THE
24 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM. All credit hours of acceptable course
25 work completed by a student who holds an associate of applied science

1 degree that is the subject of a statewide degree transfer agreement and
2 who transfers from the state institution of higher education that awarded
3 the associate degree to a state four-year institution of higher education
4 shall be applicable only to a bachelor of applied science degree program,
5 except for courses that are subject to transfer pursuant to other transfer
6 agreements.

7 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.