

By Senator Lynn

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary credit  
3           articulation; providing legislative intent to  
4           strengthen policies and practices that promote  
5           progression and transfer of students among and  
6           between educational institutions; providing for  
7           the Legislature to establish policies and  
8           budget actions applicable to state  
9           postsecondary institutions; providing for an  
10          examination of statewide articulation policies  
11          and budget actions; providing an effective  
12          date.

14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16           Section 1. The Legislature intends to strengthen  
17 seamless articulation policies and practices that promote the  
18 smooth and efficient progression and transfer of students  
19 among and between public and nonpublic institutions and  
20 towards degree completion. The Legislature further intends  
21 that these strengthened policies and budget actions shall be  
22 implemented consistently in the practices of postsecondary  
23 institutions and the Department of Education and expressed in  
24 the collaborative policy efforts of the State Board of  
25 Education and the Board of Governors. The Legislature shall  
26 examine and strengthen statewide articulation policies and  
27 budget actions relating to, but not limited to, the following:

28           (1) Monitoring, compliance, and reporting systems to  
29 facilitate and ensure institutional compliance with state  
30 articulation policies, including, but not limited to,  
31 accelerated credit mechanisms, general education course

1 requirements, common prerequisite requirements, and time  
2 required to earn a degree.

3 (2) Enforcing the application of transfer credit  
4 requirements, from public and nonpublic institutions  
5 participating in the statewide course numbering system, by the  
6 receiving institution to the same or equivalent general  
7 education or program prerequisite credit within equivalent  
8 program areas.

9 (3) Aligning state university and community college  
10 institutional and programmatic admissions policies relating to  
11 acceleration mechanisms, including, but not limited to, dual  
12 enrollment and other forms of accelerated credit.

13 (4) Providing performance-funding incentives that  
14 motivate and reward institutions for adopting and applying  
15 policies and practices that minimize excess hours toward  
16 degree attainment through the application of transfer credit  
17 toward degree program requirements.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
19 law.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Provides legislative intent to strengthen policies and  
24 practices that promote progression and transfer of  
25 students among and between educational institutions.  
26 Provides for the Legislature to establish policies and  
27 budget actions. Provides for examination of statewide  
28 articulation policies and budget actions.  
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