
HOUSE BILL 2443

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a common course catalog among
2 institutions of higher education; and amending RCW 28B.80.280 and
3 28B.80.290.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.80.280 and 1998 c 245 s 23 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The board shall, in cooperation with the state institutions of
8 higher education and the state board for community and technical
9 colleges, establish and maintain a statewide transfer of credit policy
10 and agreement. The policy and agreement shall, where feasible, include
11 course and program descriptions consistent with statewide
12 interinstitutional guidelines. The institutions of higher education
13 shall provide support and staff resources as necessary to assist in
14 developing and maintaining this policy and agreement. ((The statewide
15 transfer of credit policy and agreement shall be effective beginning
16 with the 1985-86 academic year.))

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.80.290 and 1983 c 304 s 2 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 (1) The statewide transfer of credit policy and agreement shall be
2 designed to facilitate the transfer of students and the evaluation of
3 transcripts, to better serve persons seeking information about courses
4 and programs, to aid in academic planning, and to improve the review
5 and evaluation of academic programs in the state institutions of higher
6 education. ((The statewide transfer of credit policy and agreement
7 shall not require nor encourage the standardization of course content
8 and shall not prescribe course content or the credit value assigned by
9 any institution to the course.))

10 (2) Beginning with the 2004-05 academic year, the statewide
11 transfer of credit policy and agreement shall provide for a common
12 course catalog for all lower division courses offered by institutions
13 of higher education, where equivalent courses offered at community and
14 technical colleges and four-year institutions shall be identified using
15 a statewide common numbering system. The policy and agreement under
16 this section shall ensure that courses within the common course catalog
17 will transfer and be accepted equally among institutions of higher
18 education with regard to the number of credits earned for a course, the
19 applicability of a course in meeting prerequisites for a major or minor
20 in a field of study, and the applicability of a course in meeting an
21 institution's general education requirements.

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