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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Jarrett, Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Chase, Berkey, Pearson, McCoy, Gombosky, Lantz, Clements, Talcott, Buck, Rockefeller, Pflug, Moeller, Priest, Edwards and Santos)

Brief Description: Creating a pilot project for competency-based transfer in higher education.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that the focus of transfer between institutions of higher education has been on students' accumulation of credits, where courses necessary for entry to each successive level of higher education have been individually identified and vary by institution and academic discipline.

Declares an intent to begin a process that will change the focus of transfer to defining and recognizing student competencies.

Provides that the higher education coordinating board, in consultation with the state board for community and technical colleges and the council of presidents, shall recruit and select institutions of higher education to participate in a pilot project to define transfer standards in selected academic disciplines on the basis of student competencies.

Provides that, in collaboration with the higher education coordinating board, the pilot project participants shall report to the higher education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005, on the progress and status of the pilot project. The report shall identify any barriers encountered by the project and make recommendations for next steps in developing a competency-based transfer system for higher education.

Expires June 30, 2006.