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Brief Description: Improving articulation and transfer between institutions of higher education.

HB 2382 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that current policies and procedures do not provide for efficient transfer of courses, credits, or prerequisites for academic majors. Furthermore, the state's public higher education system must expand its capacity to enroll transfer students in baccalaureate education. The higher education coordinating board must take a leadership role in working with the community and technical colleges and four-year institutions to ensure efficient and seamless transfer across the state.

Declares an intent to build clearer pathways to baccalaureate degrees, improve statewide coordination of transfer and articulation, and ensure long-term capacity in the state's higher education system for transfer students.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to conduct a gap analysis of upper division capacity in the public higher education system to accommodate transfer students. The analysis must address the total number of enrollment slots, specific academic majors, and geographic location of demand and supply of upper division capacity.

Directs the board to make a progress report by January 10, 2005, and a final report by December 10, 2005, with recommendations to the higher education committees of the senate and house of representatives for how the state should expand upper division capacity in various locations across the state.