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**SENATE BILL 6354**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Liias, Baumgartner, Carlyle, Frockt, and Bailey

AN ACT Relating to adopting a higher education reverse transfer agreement plan; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) The four-year institutions of higher education jointly with the state board for community and technical colleges shall adopt a state plan for facilitating the reverse transfer of academic credits from an institution of higher education to a community or technical college. The plan must include the following:

(a) A policy allowing eligible students the opportunity to transfer credits back to a community or technical college to use towards completion of a two-year academic transfer degree; and

(b) Procedures for notifying eligible students of their eligibility for participation in the reverse transfer program.

(2) As used in this section, "eligible students" includes all transfer students who enroll as degree-seeking students at a four-year institution of higher education before attaining an associate degree, but after completing thirty quarter credits or more of transferable coursework at a Washington community or technical college.

(3) The state board for community and technical colleges and each four-year institution of higher education shall adopt the plan required by subsection (1) of this section by December 31, 2017.

(4) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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