
HOUSE BILL 1704

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By Representatives Caldier and Appleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to transfer of credit policies when there are
2 revisions to lower-division course requirements; and amending RCW
3 28B.77.215.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.77.215 and 2012 c 229 s 114 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The statewide transfer of credit policy and agreement must be
8 designed to facilitate the transfer of students and the evaluation of
9 transcripts, to better serve persons seeking information about
10 courses and programs, to aid in academic planning, and to improve the
11 review and evaluation of academic programs in the state institutions
12 of higher education. The statewide transfer of credit policy and
13 agreement must not require or encourage the standardization of course
14 content or prescribe course content or the credit value assigned by
15 any institution to the course, except as otherwise provided in this
16 section. Policies adopted by public four-year institutions of higher
17 education concerning the transfer of lower division credit must treat
18 students transferring from public community colleges the same as
19 students transferring from public four-year institutions of higher
20 education.

1 (2) The statewide transfer of credit policy and agreement must
2 provide a process for revisions and changes to lower-division course
3 requirements that provide for the following:
4 (a) Once changes in lower-division baccalaureate degree course
5 requirements have been adopted and published, public four-year
6 institutions shall allow a grace period of five years before the
7 changes become effective for transfer students; and
8 (b) The receiving institution shall grant to the student the same
9 number and type of credits as originally assigned to the course. If
10 the credits would have been transferable towards general education
11 requirements, the receiving institution shall grant the student
12 general education credits.

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