

HB 1042 -- Higher Education Initiatives

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This bill adds the following additional duties to those of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education within the Department of Higher Education:

- (1) Require all two- and four-year public higher education institutions to identify and use best practices in remediation, eliminating practices that have been found to be ineffective or those which delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;
- (2) Require all two- and four-year public higher education institutions to cooperate with the committee on transfer and articulation to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide course library of at least 25 lower division courses that are transferable among all public higher education institutions;
- (3) Develop a policy to foster reverse transfer so that any student who has acquired sufficient hours from more than one public institution that grants an associate degree may more easily attain that degree; and
- (4) Include in its annual report to the Governor and General Assembly information on student progression, retention, and completion metrics for performance-funding goals and progress toward implementing the additional duties required under the bill.

The bill also allows the board to charge fees for the costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs offered by out-of-state public institutions.