

SENATE BILL NO. 56

BY SENATORS NEVERS AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3167.1, relative to the articulation and transfer of academic credit hours  
3 across all public educational institutions in Louisiana; to require secondary and  
4 postsecondary education management boards to participate in regular meetings  
5 regarding articulation and transfer policies and agreements; to provide relative to the  
6 purpose and outcomes of such meetings; to provide for reporting; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3167.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§3167.1. Secondary and postsecondary education boards; consultation and**  
11 **collaboration**

12 **A. The Board of Regents, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary**  
13 **Education, and the public postsecondary education management boards shall**  
14 **establish a process by which the commissioner of higher education, or his**  
15 **designee, and the state superintendent of education, or his designee, and**  
16 **representatives of each respective board shall meet at least once quarterly, upon**  
17 **the call of the commissioner of higher education, to discuss and make**  
18 **recommendations to the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council and the**  
19 **Board of Regents on matters including but not limited to the following:**

20 **(1) The appropriate role and responsibilities of each board in**  
21 **implementing the statewide articulation and transfer policies and agreements**  
22 **required by this Chapter.**

23 **(2) The status of current and proposed policies, activities, and initiatives**  
24 **designed to promote and facilitate the seamless transfer of academic credits**  
25 **across their respective institutions and systems.**

26 **(3) Methods to enhance and maximize student knowledge and utilization**  
27 **of articulation and transfer policies and programs to ensure that every student**

1 is provided the most direct and time-efficient pathway to earning a  
2 postsecondary degree or credential.

3 (4) Methods to overcome all obstacles and barriers preventing the  
4 efficient and effective development and implementation of successful  
5 articulation and transfer policies and practices, including any regulatory and  
6 statutory changes deemed necessary.

7 B. The commissioner of higher education shall include a summary of the  
8 proceedings of all meetings conducted pursuant to this Section, including any  
9 recommendations for policy or statutory changes, in the Board of Regents'  
10 annual report on the status of articulation and transfer activities required by  
11 R.S. 17:3168.

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
16 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_