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HOUSE BILL NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides for the transfer of academic credit from public postsecondary education institutions that grant bachelor's degrees to institutions that grant associate's degrees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3161.1(A), relative to the transfer of academic credit between
3 postsecondary education institutions; to require certain institutions to enter transfer
4 agreements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3161.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3161.1. Reverse Transfer Agreements

8 A. Four-year colleges and universities and community colleges ~~are~~
9 ~~authorized and encouraged to~~ shall enter into reverse articulation or reverse transfer
10 agreements to facilitate the transfer of academic credits earned by a student while
11 enrolled in a four-year postsecondary institution back to a community college for the
12 purpose of enabling a student to complete the requirements for an associate degree
13 from the community college.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires agreements between universities and community colleges that allow the transfer of academic credit from universities to community colleges.

Present law requires the postsecondary education management boards, the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and city, parish, and other local public school boards to develop and implement articulation and transfer programs and agreements that facilitate the transfer of credits between and among public secondary and postsecondary educational institutions and that make the most efficient use of faculty, equipment, and facilities. Encourages independent colleges and universities to participate in developing programs and agreements to facilitate credit transfers. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes and encourages four-year colleges and universities and community colleges to enter articulation or transfer agreements to facilitate the transfer of academic credits earned at a four-year postsecondary institution to a community college for the purpose of enabling students to complete associate degrees.

Proposed law requires, rather than authorizes, such agreements between four-year colleges and universities and community colleges.

(Amends R.S. 17:3161.1(A))