



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB6077

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Fred Crespo

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency. Requires (i) all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless transfer; (ii) all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses; and (iii) all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses. Provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is offered at the receiving institution. Provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must be able to transfer seamlessly. Sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Articulation Initiative Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds and declares that in January of 1993, the Board of Higher  
8 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and transfer  
9 coordinators from Illinois colleges and universities jointly  
10 launched the Illinois Articulation Initiative to ease the  
11 transfer of students among Illinois public and independent  
12 associate and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The  
13 General Assembly finds and declares that the Illinois  
14 Articulation Initiative was driven by the following  
15 foundational ideas:

16 (1) that associate and baccalaureate degree-granting  
17 institutions are equal partners in educating college  
18 freshmen and sophomores;

19 (2) that faculties should take primary responsibility  
20 for developing and maintaining program and course  
21 articulation; and

22 (3) that institutions are expected to work together to  
23 ensure that lower-division baccalaureate programs are

1           comparable in scope, quality, and academic rigor.

2           The General Assembly finds and declares that students have  
3 benefited by receiving the General Education Core Curriculum  
4 and transferring seamlessly across institutions of higher  
5 education.

6           Section 10. Definition of public institution. In this Act,  
7 "public institution" means a public university or public  
8 community college in this State.

9           Section 15. Participation. All public institutions shall  
10 participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through  
11 submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer  
12 consistency. All sending and receiving public institutions  
13 shall maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative  
14 General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless  
15 transfer, and all public institutions shall maintain up to 4  
16 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major,  
17 provided the public institution has equivalent majors and  
18 courses. All public institutions shall provide faculty, as  
19 appointed by the Board of Higher Education for public  
20 universities and the Illinois Community College Board for  
21 public community colleges, to serve on panels in the review of  
22 courses.

23           Section 20. Course transferability.

1           (a) All courses approved for Illinois Articulation  
2 Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part  
3 of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as  
4 equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is  
5 offered at the receiving public institution.

6           (b) Students receiving the General Education Core  
7 Curriculum package must not be required to take additional  
8 freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must  
9 be able to transfer seamlessly.

10           Section 25. Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
11 Community College Board duties.

12           (a) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
13 Community College Board shall co-manage the implementation,  
14 oversight, and evaluation of the Illinois Articulation  
15 Initiative, including determining when panels must be  
16 discontinued or convened. Panels must be convened across the  
17 fields of General Education, Communications, Humanities and  
18 Fine Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social and  
19 Behavioral Sciences, and General Education Mathematics.

20           (b) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
21 Community College Board shall provide a joint report on an  
22 annual basis to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the  
23 Illinois P-20 Council on the status of the Illinois  
24 Articulation Initiative and the implementation of this Act.