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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 806

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 806 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Community college" means a public community college in
8 this State.

9 "State university" means a public university in this State.

10 Section 10. Associate degree for transfer.

11 (a) Commencing with the fall term of the 2016-2017 academic
12 year, a community college student who earns an associate degree
13 for transfer granted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section
14 is deemed eligible for transfer into the baccalaureate program
15 of a State university if the student meets both of the

1 following requirements:

2 (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
3 that are eligible for transfer to a State university,
4 including both of the following:

5 (A) The General Education Core Curriculum.

6 (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter
7 units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by
8 the community college district.

9 (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0
10 on a 4.0 scale.

11 (b) As a condition of receipt of State funds, a community
12 college district shall develop and grant associate degrees for
13 transfer that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this
14 Section. A community college district may not impose any
15 requirements in addition to the requirements of this Section
16 for a student to be eligible for an associate degree for
17 transfer and subsequent admission to a State university
18 pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

19 (c) The General Assembly encourages a community college
20 district to consider the articulation agreements and other work
21 between the respective faculties from the affected community
22 college and State universities in implementing the
23 requirements of this Section.

24 (d) The General Assembly encourages community colleges to
25 facilitate the acceptance of credits earned at other community
26 colleges toward an associate degree for transfer pursuant to

1 this Section.

2 (e) This Section does not preclude students who are
3 assessed below collegiate level from acquiring remedial
4 noncollegiate level coursework in preparation for obtaining an
5 associate degree for transfer. Remedial noncollegiate level
6 coursework must not be counted as part of the transferable
7 units required pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
8 this Section.

9 Section 15. Admission to a State university.
10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a
11 State university shall admit and grant junior status in a
12 program, subject to available program capacity, to any
13 community college student who:

14 (1) meets all of the requirements of Section 10 of this
15 Act;

16 (2) has completed all lower-division prerequisites;
17 and

18 (3) meets the admission requirements of the State
19 university's program or major.

20 Section 20. Coursework.

21 (a) A State university may not require a student
22 transferring pursuant to this Act to take more than 60
23 additional semester units beyond the lower-division major
24 requirements for majors requiring 120 semester units, provided

1 that the student remains enrolled in the same program of study
2 and has completed university major transfer requirements.
3 Specified high unit majors are exempt from this subsection (a)
4 upon agreement by the board of trustees of the State university
5 and the Board of Higher Education.

6 (b) A State university may not require students
7 transferring pursuant to this Act to repeat courses that are
8 articulated with those taken at the community college and
9 counted toward an associate degree for transfer granted
10 pursuant to Section 10 of this Act.

11 (c) The General Assembly encourages State universities and
12 community colleges to facilitate the seamless transfer of
13 credits toward a baccalaureate degree pursuant to the intent of
14 this Act.

15 Section 25. Board of Higher Education reviews and reports.

16 (a) The Board of Higher Education shall review the
17 implementation of this Act and file a report on that review
18 with the General Assembly on or before May 31, 2017, as
19 provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization
20 Act.

21 (b) The Board of Higher Education shall review both of the
22 following and file a report on that review with the General
23 Assembly within 4 years after the effective date of this Act,
24 as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization
25 Act:

1 (1) The outcomes of implementation of this Act,
2 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

3 (A) The number and percentage of community college
4 students who transferred to a State university and
5 earned an associate degree for transfer pursuant to
6 this Act.

7 (B) The average amount of time and units it takes a
8 community college student earning an associate degree
9 for transfer pursuant to this Act to transfer to and
10 graduate from a State university, as compared to the
11 average amount of time and units it took community
12 college transfer students prior to the implementation
13 of this Act and compared to students using other
14 transfer processes available.

15 (C) Student progression and completion rates.

16 (D) Other relevant indicators of student success.

17 (E) The degree to which the requirements for an
18 associate degree for transfer take into account
19 existing articulation agreements and the degree to
20 which community colleges facilitate the acceptance of
21 credits between community college districts, as
22 outlined in subsections (c) and (d) of Section 10 of
23 this Act.

24 (F) It is the intent of the General Assembly that
25 student outcome data provided under this subsection
26 (b) include the degree to which State universities were

1 able to accommodate students admitted under this Act in
2 being admitted to the State university of their choice
3 and in a major that is similar to their community
4 college major.

5 (2) Recommendations for statutory changes necessary to
6 facilitate the goal of a clear and transparent transfer
7 process.

8 Section 30. Implementation of Act; intent. It is the intent
9 of the General Assembly that the requirements placed on
10 community college districts pursuant to this Act be carried out
11 in the normal course of program development and approval,
12 course scheduling, and degree issuance and do not represent any
13 new activities or a higher level of service on the part of
14 community college districts.

15 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
16 Section 8.39 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 805/8.39 new)

18 Sec. 8.39. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
19 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
20 implementation of any mandate created by the Student Transfer
21 Achievement Reform Act."