

HOUSE BILL 814

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Transfer of Credits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain credits earned by students who transfer from
4 certain community colleges to certain public senior higher education institutions be
5 transferrable; prohibiting certain public senior higher education institutions from
6 denying the transfer of certain credits for any reason; and generally relating to the
7 transfer of credits from community colleges to public senior higher education
8 institutions.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 10–101(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 11–207(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Education**

22 10–101.

23 (c) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

24 11–207.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) **(1)** The Commission, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher education, shall develop and implement a statewide transfer agreement whereby at least 60 credits of general education, elective, and major courses that a student earns at any community college in the State toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree shall be transferable to any public senior higher education institution in the State for credit toward a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2016.

(2) (I) THE AGREEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REQUIRE THAT ANY CREDITS EARNED FOR A 100- OR 200-LEVEL COURSE AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE BE TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE.

(II) A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN THE STATE MAY NOT DENY THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR ANY REASON.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.