

SENATE BILL NO. 93

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3162(D), 3165.1 and 3168(5), relative to the transfer and articulation of postsecondary academic credits; to provide for the awarding and transfer of college credit for the academic content of career and technical and industry-based certification courses; to provide for the responsibilities and duties of the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3162(D), 3165.1 and 3168(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3162. Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council; creation; purpose; membership; duties and responsibilities

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**D. The council, with appropriate consultation and collaboration with the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, shall oversee the development and implementation of a process to award and transfer college credit for the academic content embedded in career and technical education and industry-based certification courses as provided in R.S. 17:3165.1.**

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**§3165.1. Academic transfer modules; career and technical education and industry-based certification courses**

1           **A. To provide a career pathway between career and technical education**  
2           **and industry-based certification programs and academic degree programs**  
3           **offered by public community colleges, the Board of Supervisors of Community**  
4           **and Technical Colleges shall establish a process to recognize the academic**  
5           **content embedded in career and technical education and industry-based**  
6           **certification courses, award college-level credit for such content, and guarantee**  
7           **the transfer of such credit to any public state community college.**

8           **B. The board shall:**

9           **(1) Develop "academic transfer modules" to recognize the academic**  
10           **content embedded in career and technical education and industry-based**  
11           **certification courses which can be applied to award a student with partial or full**  
12           **credit in an equivalent academic course offered by any public state community**  
13           **college.**

14           **(a) The content of each academic transfer module may be contained in**  
15           **a single course or a sequence of courses.**

16           **(b) Each academic transfer module shall be equal to at least one college**  
17           **credit hour and modules can be combined to become the academic equivalent**  
18           **of a complete academic college course.**

19           **(2) Align the content contained in each academic transfer module with**  
20           **the content standards and learning competencies established for the equivalent**  
21           **academic college course to which the module will be applied.**

22           **(3) Develop testing, as necessary, to validate the content of each**  
23           **academic transfer module to ensure its academic equivalency to the college**  
24           **course to which the module will be applied.**

25           **(4) Develop a process whereby academic transfer modules may be**  
26           **banked until such time as the student enrolls in an academic degree program**  
27           **offered by a public state community college and such modules can be**  
28           **transferred for academic college credit.**

29           **(5) Ensure that career and technical education and industry-based**  
30           **certification course instructors are trained and meet the standards required for**

1 such courses and course work to be eligible for transfer for college credit.

2 (6) Collaborate and coordinate with the State Board of Elementary and  
3 Secondary Education to ensure that students enrolled in postsecondary career  
4 and technical education and industry-based certification courses offered  
5 through local public school systems and secondary schools shall also be eligible  
6 to earn academic transfer modules pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

7 (7) Submit the individual academic transfer modules and the process  
8 developed to transfer the postsecondary credit earned through such modules to  
9 the receiving community college to the Statewide Articulation and Transfer  
10 Council for consideration and recommendations. With the approval of the  
11 council, the board shall submit the proposed transfer process to the Board of  
12 Regents for approval prior to implementation.

13 C. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall  
14 submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House  
15 Committee on Education, not later than September thirtieth of each year,  
16 regarding the status of the implementation of the academic transfer module  
17 process as provided by this Section.

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19 §3168. Reporting

20 The Board of Regents shall submit a written report to the Senate and House  
21 committees on education, not later than September thirtieth of each year, on the  
22 status of statewide articulation and transfer of credit across all educational  
23 institutions in Louisiana as provided in this Chapter. Such report shall, at a  
24 minimum, include the following:

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26 (5) The status of the implementation of the academic transfer module  
27 process developed pursuant to R.S. 17:3165.1.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 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: \_\_\_\_\_