

SENATE BILL 620

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By: **Senator Cassilly**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures –**
3 **Workgroup Study**
4 **(Maryland Articulation and Transfer Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Articulation Agreements and Transfer
6 Procedures of Institutions of Higher Education in the State to study obstacles
7 encountered by students transferring between community colleges and four-year
8 institutions of higher education in the State; and generally relating to institutions of
9 higher education in the State.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) There is a Workgroup on Articulation Agreements and Transfer Procedures of
13 Institutions of Higher Education in the State.

14 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

15 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (2) the following members representing community colleges in the State,
17 appointed by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges:

18 (i) one president;

19 (ii) one vice president of academic affairs; and

20 (iii) one vice president of student affairs; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the following members representing four-year institutions of higher
2 education in the State, appointed by the Maryland Independent College and University
3 Association:

4 (i) one president;

5 (ii) one vice president of academic affairs; and

6 (iii) one vice president of student affairs.

7 (c) From among its members the Workgroup shall elect:

8 (1) one representative of a community college to serve as cochair; and

9 (2) one representative of a four-year institution of higher education to
10 serve as cochair.

11 (d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the
12 Workgroup.

13 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

14 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

15 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
16 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

17 (f) The Workgroup shall:

18 (1) study the current system of articulation agreements and transfer
19 procedures in the State to identify obstacles students encounter when transferring between
20 community colleges and four-year institutions of higher education in the State; and

21 (2) make recommendations to remedy any identified obstacles under
22 paragraph (1) of this subsection, including proposing a timeline for implementation or
23 adoption of the recommendations.

24 (g) On or before January 1, 2023, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
25 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
26 Government Article, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this
29 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
30 further force and effect.