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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, an Associate of Arts, or an Associate of Science  
14 that is consistent with degree requirements of the Illinois  
15 Community College Board and the Board of Higher Education and

1 aligned with the policies and procedures of the Illinois  
2 Articulation Initiative, granted pursuant to subsection (b) of  
3 this Section is deemed eligible for transfer into the  
4 baccalaureate program of a State university if the student  
5 meets the requirements of the transfer degree and  
6 major-specific prerequisites and obtains a minimum grade point  
7 average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

8 (b) As a condition of receipt of State funds, a community  
9 college district shall develop and grant associate degrees for  
10 transfer that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this  
11 Section. A community college district may not impose any  
12 requirements in addition to the requirements of this Section  
13 for a student to be eligible for an associate degree for  
14 transfer and subsequent admission to a State university  
15 pursuant to Section 15 of this Act without the approval of the  
16 Illinois Community College Board and the Board of Higher  
17 Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19           Section 20. Coursework.

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

1 and has completed university major transfer requirements.  
2 Specified high unit majors are exempt from this subsection (a)  
3 upon agreement by the board of trustees of the State university  
4 and the Board of Higher Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13           (C) Student progression and completion rates.

14           (D) Other relevant indicators of student success.

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

22           (F) It is the intent of the General Assembly that  
23 student outcome data provided under this subsection  
24 (b) include the degree to which State universities were  
25 able to accommodate students admitted under this Act in  
26 being admitted to the State university of their choice

1           and in a major that is similar to their community  
2           college major.

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

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

13          Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
14          Section 8.39 as follows:

15               (30 ILCS 805/8.39 new)

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