



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB3301

Introduced 2/19/2016, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Articulation Initiative Act. Requires all public institutions of higher education to participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer consistency. Requires (i) all sending and receiving institutions to maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless transfer; (ii) all institutions to maintain up to 4 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major, provided the institution has equivalent majors and courses; and (iii) all institutions to provide faculty, as appointed by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, to serve on panels in the review of courses. Provides that all courses approved for Illinois Articulation Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is offered at the receiving institution. Provides that students receiving the General Education Core Curriculum package must not be required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must be able to transfer seamlessly. Sets forth the duties of the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Articulation Initiative Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds and declares that in January of 1993, the Board of Higher
8 Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and transfer
9 coordinators from Illinois colleges and universities jointly
10 launched the Illinois Articulation Initiative to ease the
11 transfer of students among Illinois public and independent
12 associate and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The
13 General Assembly finds and declares that the Illinois
14 Articulation Initiative was driven by the following
15 foundational ideas:

16 (1) that associate and baccalaureate degree-granting
17 institutions are equal partners in educating college
18 freshmen and sophomores;

19 (2) that faculties should take primary responsibility
20 for developing and maintaining program and course
21 articulation; and

22 (3) that institutions are expected to work together to
23 ensure that lower-division baccalaureate programs are

1 comparable in scope, quality, and academic rigor.

2 The General Assembly finds and declares that students have
3 benefited by receiving the General Education Core Curriculum
4 and transferring seamlessly across institutions of higher
5 education.

6 Section 10. Definition of public institution. In this Act,
7 "public institution" means a public university or public
8 community college in this State.

9 Section 15. Participation. All public institutions shall
10 participate in the Illinois Articulation Initiative through
11 submission and review of their courses for statewide transfer
12 consistency. All sending and receiving public institutions
13 shall maintain a complete Illinois Articulation Initiative
14 General Education Core Curriculum package to ensure seamless
15 transfer, and all public institutions shall maintain up to 4
16 core courses in an Illinois Articulation Initiative major,
17 provided the public institution has equivalent majors and
18 courses. All public institutions shall provide faculty, as
19 appointed by the Board of Higher Education for public
20 universities and the Illinois Community College Board for
21 public community colleges, to serve on panels in the review of
22 courses.

23 Section 20. Course transferability.

1 (a) All courses approved for Illinois Articulation
2 Initiative codes must be directly transferable either as a part
3 of the General Education Core Curriculum package or as
4 equivalent major courses, insofar as a specific major is
5 offered at the receiving public institution.

6 (b) Students receiving the General Education Core
7 Curriculum package must not be required to take additional
8 freshmen or sophomore level general education courses and must
9 be able to transfer seamlessly.

10 Section 25. Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
11 Community College Board duties.

12 (a) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
13 Community College Board shall co-manage the implementation,
14 oversight, and evaluation of the Illinois Articulation
15 Initiative, including determining when panels must be
16 discontinued or convened. Panels must be convened across the
17 fields of General Education, Communications, Humanities and
18 Fine Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social and
19 Behavioral Sciences, and General Education Mathematics.

20 (b) The Board of Higher Education and the Illinois
21 Community College Board shall provide a joint report on an
22 annual basis to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the
23 Illinois P-20 Council on the status of the Illinois
24 Articulation Initiative and the implementation of this Act.