

SB045\_L.005

## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee\_\_\_\_\_  
DateCommittee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB09-045 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 9 and substitute the following:

2           "(b) A student can ~~sign a two-year or four-year graduation~~ TAKE  
3 ADVANTAGE OF AN";

4 line 10, after "agreement", insert "ESTABLISHED";

5 strike lines 18 through 22 and substitute the following:

6           "(b) (I) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 PERFORM AN ANALYSIS OF ALL EXISTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
8 COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WHICH  
9 AGREEMENTS CONCERN THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS BETWEEN SUCH  
10 INSTITUTIONS, AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE COMMISSION.

11           (II) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2009, EACH COLORADO PUBLIC  
12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEB  
13 SITE ALL OF ITS TRANSFER GUIDES.

14           (III) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2010, EACH COLORADO PUBLIC  
15 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE  
16 DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE TEMPLATE REGARDING THE  
17 TRANSFER OF CREDITS TO AN INSTITUTION FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION,  
18 WHICH STATEWIDE TEMPLATE SHALL INCLUDE EACH TRANSFER GUIDE OF  
19 EACH INSTITUTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL THEREAFTER MAINTAIN THE  
20 STATEWIDE TEMPLATE AND MAKE THE TEMPLATE AVAILABLE TO THE



1 PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE. EACH INSTITUTION SHALL  
2 THEREAFTER REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY CHANGE TO ANY OF THE  
3 INSTITUTION'S TRANSFER GUIDES, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MODIFY  
4 THE STATEWIDE TEMPLATE ACCORDINGLY.

5 (IV) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2010, AND THEREAFTER, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE  
7 DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE:

8 (A) EACH TRANSFER GUIDE OF EACH COLORADO PUBLIC  
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

10 (B) ANY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED  
11 BY THE COMMISSION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL THEREAFTER MAKE  
12 AVAILABLE ON ITS WEB SITE ANY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITHIN  
13 THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT IS ESTABLISHED.

14 (V) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2010, THE COMMISSION, IN  
15 CONSULTATION WITH EACH COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION, SHALL COMPLETE A STUDY CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF  
17 ESTABLISHING ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.

18 (VI) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
19 REQUIRES:

20 (A) "ARTICULATION AGREEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT  
21 ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION THAT FORMALIZES A PLAN FOR A  
22 STUDENT TO COMPLETE A SIXTY-CREDIT CURRICULUM AND ENSURES THE  
23 STUDENT THAT, IF HE OR SHE COMPLETES THE CURRICULUM, HE OR SHE  
24 SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE NO MORE THAN SIXTY ADDITIONAL CREDITS  
25 AT ANY COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO  
26 COMPLETE THE CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR A PARTICULAR  
27 ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-HOUR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.

28 (B) "TRANSFER GUIDE" MEANS A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
29 TWO OR MORE COLORADO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
30 CONCERNING ADMISSION CRITERIA AND TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS FOR  
31 A SPECIFIC DEGREE PROGRAM."

32 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 19.

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