SENFATE ENROLLED ACT No. 182

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 21-18-9-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]:

Sec. 7. In collaboration with the state educational institutions, the commission shall develop, implement, and maintain a common course numbering system to be used by the state educational institutions for all courses in the core transfer library (as defined in IC 21-42-1-3). The commission shall create a state course numbering system into which each state educational institution shall map the state educational institution's unique course numbers.

SECTION 2. IC 21-42-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION 283, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]:

Sec. 2. The Each state educational institutions jointly, institution, in collaboration with the commission for higher education, shall: identify

(1) not later than December 1, 2012, create and report to the commission for higher education a statewide transfer general education core, to be implemented not later than May 15, 2013. The core must be based upon a set of core competencies, translated into at least thirty (30) semester credit hours of comparable general education courses, that in areas agreed upon by the state educational institutions, which apply for credit
toward undergraduate degrees, including associate degrees and baccalaureate degrees at all campuses of state educational institutions; and are eligible to be earned by a student to fulfill graduation requirements at each state educational institution:

(2) jointly establish statewide standards for use by all state educational institutions to document an individual's completion of the statewide transfer general education core on the individual's transcripts.

SECTION 3. IC 21-42-3-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5. (a) After May 15, 2013, an individual who has satisfactorily completed the statewide transfer general education core at a state educational institution, as indicated on the individual's official transcript, may not be required to complete additional courses in the statewide transfer general education core at the state educational institution to which the individual transfers, regardless of whether the individual has received an associate degree or the delivery method of the statewide transfer general education core the individual completed.

(b) If an individual does not complete the statewide transfer general education core of a state educational institution before transferring to another state educational institution, the individual must complete the statewide transfer general education core required by the state educational institution to which the individual has transferred. The state educational institution to which the individual has transferred shall award credit to the individual for courses the individual has satisfactorily completed, based on the course to course equivalencies of the core transfer library established under IC 21-42-5.

(c) An individual who holds an associate of arts or associate of science degree approved by the commission who is admitted to a four (4) year state educational institution is considered to have met at least thirty (30) semester credit hours of the state educational institution's general education requirement.
President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: ________________    Time: ________________