

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To **[TBS]**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To **[TBS]**

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transferring Credits
5 for College Completion Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) **TRANSFER COMPLETION DATA.**—Section
8 132(i)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1015a(i)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(AA) The percentages of degree- or cer-
2 tificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled
3 at the institution who have transferred from an-
4 other institution and who obtain a degree or
5 certificate within—

6 “(i) the normal time for completion
7 of, or graduation from, the student’s pro-
8 gram (including the time spent as a
9 degree- or certificate-seeking under-
10 graduate student at any other institution);

11 “(ii) 150 percent of the normal time
12 for completion of, or graduation from, the
13 student’s program (including the time
14 spent as a degree- or certificate-seeking
15 undergraduate student at any other insti-
16 tution); and

17 “(iii) 200 percent of the normal time
18 for completion of, or graduation from, the
19 students program (including the time spent
20 as a degree- or certificate-seeking under-
21 graduate student at any other institu-
22 tion).”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
24 one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.**

2 (a) TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICIES.—Section
3 485(h) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1092(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (A);

8 (B) by striking the period at the end of
9 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(C) to the extent practicable, in each elec-
12 tronic and printed publication of the institu-
13 tion’s course schedule published on or after
14 July 1, 2014, in a manner of the institution’s
15 choosing, for each course or program of study
16 listed in the institution’s course schedule,
17 whether such course or program of study is
18 transferable for credit toward the completion of
19 a degree at a public institution of higher edu-
20 cation in the State in which the institution is
21 located.”; and

22 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(2) ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.—Except as
25 provided in paragraph (3), each public institution of
26 higher education participating in any program under

1 this title shall, not later than July 1, 2014, enter
2 into an articulation agreement (as defined in section
3 486A(a)) held in common with the other public insti-
4 tutions of higher education that are in the State in
5 which the institution is located and that are partici-
6 pating in any such program. Such articulation
7 agreement shall, at a minimum, include the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(A) A common general education core
10 curriculum consisting of not less than 30 credit
11 hours or the equivalent coursework, which are
12 fully acceptable in transfer at any such public
13 institution of higher education in the State to-
14 ward meeting specific degree or certificate re-
15 quirements.

16 “(B) Common course numbering for sub-
17 stantially similar courses in such common gen-
18 eral education core curriculum.

19 “(C) A guarantee that an associate degree
20 in an academic major in the arts or sciences
21 that is awarded by a public institution of higher
22 education in the State on or after July 1, 2014,
23 shall be fully acceptable in transfer and credited
24 as the first 2 years of a related baccalaureate

1 program at a public institution of higher edu-
2 cation in such State.

3 “(3) EXCEPTION FOR TRIBAL COLLEGES AND
4 UNIVERSITIES.—A Tribal College or University (as
5 defined in section 316) shall not be required to enter
6 into or otherwise participate in an articulation
7 agreement required under paragraph (2).

8 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
9 this subsection shall be construed to—

10 “(A) except as provided in paragraph (2),
11 authorize the Secretary or the National Advi-
12 sory Committee on Institutional Quality and In-
13 tegrity to require particular policies, proce-
14 dures, or practices by institutions of higher
15 education with respect to transfer of credit;

16 “(B) authorize an officer or employee of
17 the Department to exercise any direction, su-
18 pervision, or control over the curriculum, pro-
19 gram of instruction, administration, or per-
20 sonnel of any institution of higher education, or
21 over any accrediting agency or association;

22 “(C) limit the application of the General
23 Education Provisions Act;

24 “(D) require an institution of higher edu-
25 cation to accept or enroll a student; or

1 “(E) create any legally enforceable right,
2 including with respect to a guarantee under
3 paragraph (2)(C), on the part of a student to
4 require an institution of higher education to ac-
5 cept the student for enrollment or to accept a
6 transfer of credit from another institution.”.

7 (b) ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.—Section 486A(b)
8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
9 1093a(b)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by inserting “that meet the require-
12 ments of section 485(h)(2)” after “comprehen-
13 sive articulation agreements”;

14 (B) by inserting “comprehensive articula-
15 tion agreements” after “practicable”;

16 (C) by striking “2010” and inserting
17 “2014”; and

18 (D) by striking the third sentence, includ-
19 ing subparagraphs (A) through (D); and

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the pe-
21 riod at the end the following: “and section
22 485(h)(2)”.