

the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 304

[Substitute House Bill No. 790]

COUNCIL FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION—TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICY AND AGREEMENT

AN ACT Relating to higher education; and adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.80 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The council shall, in cooperation with the state institutions of higher education and the state board for community college education, establish and maintain a state-wide transfer of credit policy and agreement. The policy and agreement shall, where feasible, include course and program descriptions consistent with state-wide interinstitutional guidelines. The institutions of higher education shall provide support and staff resources as necessary to assist in developing and maintaining this policy and agreement. The state-wide transfer of credit policy and agreement shall be effective beginning with the 1985-86 academic year. The council shall report on developments toward that objective at both the 1984 and 1985 regular sessions of the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.80 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state-wide transfer of credit policy and agreement shall be designed to facilitate the transfer of students and the evaluation of transcripts, to better serve persons seeking information about courses and programs, to aid in academic planning, and to improve the review and evaluation of academic programs in the state institutions of higher education. The state-wide transfer of credit policy and agreement shall not require nor encourage the standardization of course content and shall not prescribe course content or the credit value assigned by any institution to the course.

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