

CHAPTER 125

(Senate Bill 270)

AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Higher Education - Transfer of Credits - Letter of Acknowledgment

FOR the purpose of requiring certain institutions of higher education to require certain students to sign certain letters of acknowledgment regarding the transfer of certain credits except in certain circumstances; requiring certain institutions to keep certain letters on file for a certain period of time; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to create a certain template and post it on a certain website; and generally relating to the transfer of credits to institutions of higher education.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 11-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

11-404.

(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION TO OPERATE IN THE STATE THAT DOES NOT POSSESS REGIONAL ACCREDITATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OR ANOTHER REGIONAL ACCREDITING BODY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE ITS STUDENTS TO SIGN A LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS MAY BE DIFFICULT IF THE STUDENT INTENDS TO TRANSFER THE CREDITS TO A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

(2) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT DOES NOT POSSESS REGIONAL ACCREDITATION FROM A REGIONAL ACCREDITING BODY REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAS WRITTEN ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS WITH THREE OR MORE REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.