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HOUSE BILL

***1530***

AN ACT

establishing curricular transfer pathways between the community college system of New Hampshire and the university system of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ford, Rock. 4

COMMITTEE: Education

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows community college students who wish to earn baccalaureate degrees in the state's public higher education system to pursue curricular transfer pathways to a degree.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    establishing curricular transfer pathways between the community college system of  
New Hampshire and the university system of New Hampshire.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            80:1 New Section; University System of New Hampshire; Transfer Pathways. Amend RSA 187-A by  
2 inserting after section 16-b the following new section:

3            187-A:16-c Transfer Pathways.

4            I. It is the intent of the general court that community college students who wish to earn  
5 baccalaureate degrees in the state's public higher education system be provided with clear and effective  
6 information and directions that specify curricular paths to a degree.

7            II.(a) The trustees of the university system of New Hampshire shall work collaboratively with the  
8 trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire to create and maintain transfer pathways  
9 that optimize the utility and affordability of the community college system for at least the 30 undergraduate  
10 majors for which the demand from students in the community college system is the highest, and for which  
11 pathways can reasonably be created through partnership between the systems.

12            (b) The pathways shall consist of general education and lower division major requirements at  
13 participating community college system institutions that are fully transferable as a block upon completion  
14 of an associate of science or associate of arts degree to any university system institution offering the  
15 chosen degree.

16            (c) An associate of science or associate of arts degree graduate enrolled in a pathway shall  
17 be deemed to have met all general education and lower division requirements for transfer to a university  
18 system institution as a junior.

19            III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, admission into a particular program, school, or college within a  
20 college or university in the university system of New Hampshire shall remain competitive in accordance  
21 with generally applicable policies and nothing in this section shall guarantee a time to degree completion.

22            80:2 New Section; Community College System of New Hampshire; Transfer Pathways. Amend RSA  
23 188-F by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

24            188-F:6-a Transfer Pathways.

25            I. It is the intent of the general court that community college students who wish to earn  
26 baccalaureate degrees in the state's public higher education system be provided with clear and effective  
27 information and directions that specify curricular paths to a degree.

28            II.(a) The trustees of the community college system shall work collaboratively with the trustees of  
29 the university system of New Hampshire to create and maintain transfer pathways that optimize the utility  
30 and affordability of the community college system for at least the 30 undergraduate majors for which the  
31 demand from students in the community college system is the highest, and for which pathways can  
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1 (b) The pathways shall consist of general education and lower division major requirements at  
2 participating community college system institution that are fully transferable as a block upon completion of  
3 an associate of science or associate of arts degree to any university system institution offering the chosen  
4 degree.

5 (c) Each community college system institution shall clearly identify those programs that meet  
6 the requirements of this section. Students interested in pursuing a pathway program should notify the  
7 appropriate administrators as early as possible. Upon notification, students shall be provided with  
8 appropriate resources designed to assist with successful completion of the chosen degree pathway.

80:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved: May 20, 2022  
Effective Date: July 01, 2024