

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 158

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

March 29, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 158—Relative to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 158, as introduced, Holden. Postsecondary education: transfers.

This measure would encourage the Academic Senates of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to expedite their current efforts to streamline the transfer process and ensure that all general education credits can transfer between the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges educational systems.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, All students deserve the right to choose an
2 educational institution that best fits their needs; and

3 WHEREAS, Students should be able to transfer as their
4 circumstances change throughout their educational experience;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Students of low-income and minority backgrounds
7 are the most adversely affected by the lack of articulation
8 agreements across California public postsecondary educational
9 institutions; and

1 WHEREAS, Students should be given clear and concise
2 information on how to transfer and how their credits will transfer;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In a public postsecondary educational system where
5 it is already challenging to get the classes one needs to graduate
6 in a timely manner, students should not have to retake classes as
7 a result of transferring; and

8 WHEREAS, The University of California and the California
9 State University educational systems should have articulation
10 agreements with each other so students transferring from campus
11 to campus or across the systems should not incur additional
12 expenses or time to retake classes previously taken at another
13 University of California or California State University campus;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Special attention should be given to ensure Science,
16 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) classes
17 transfer across California's public postsecondary educational
18 institutions; and

19 WHEREAS, The University of California and the California
20 State University educational systems should have common course
21 numbering in order to improve articulation across campuses; and

22 WHEREAS, All general education credits should transfer
23 between the University of California, the California State
24 University, and the California Community Colleges systems; and

25 WHEREAS, Transferring within the University of California
26 and the California State University educational systems should be
27 seamless for students and not require students to retake courses;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the necessity for a more
30 cohesive, robust, and fair articulation process across the University
31 of California, the California State University, and the California
32 Community Colleges educational systems so students are not
33 unduly burdened while trying to transfer and are able to graduate
34 in a timely manner; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
36 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature encourages the Academic
37 Senates of the University of California, the California State
38 University, and the California Community Colleges to expedite
39 their current efforts to streamline the transfer process and ensure
40 that all general education credits can transfer between the

- 1 University of California, the California State University, and the
- 2 California Community Colleges educational systems; and be it
- 3 further
- 4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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