



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO SENATE BILL 165**

May 1, 2019 - Offered by Senator STROEBEL.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 36.31 (2m) (b); *to amend* 36.11 (3) (cm) 5. and  
2 36.65 (3); and *to create* 36.31 (2m) (a) 2m., 36.31 (2m) (b) 2., 36.31 (2m) (b) 3.,  
3 36.31 (2m) (b) 4. and 36.31 (2m) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
4 transferability of courses between the University of Wisconsin System,  
5 technical college system, and tribally controlled and private colleges.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill makes changes to requirements under current law regarding the transferability of credits between certain institutions of higher education. Under current law, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the Technical College System Board are required to enter into an agreement for ensuring that, beginning in the 2014-15 academic year, no fewer than 30 credits in core general education courses identified in the agreement are transferable between UW institutions and technical colleges. Current law also allows tribally controlled and private nonprofit colleges in this state to participate in the agreement.

This bill eliminates the above agreement and requires instead that the Board of Regents and TCS Board enter into an agreement that establishes policies for ensuring that, beginning in the 2020-21 academic year, credits for courses that satisfy credential requirements in different subject areas are transferable, which

may include core general education courses. The bill defines a “credential” as a pathway certificate, one-year or two-year technical diploma, or associate or bachelor degree. The agreement must specify the total number of course credits that are transferable, which may not be fewer than 75 credits in the 2020–21 academic year. The agreement must provide that the number of transferable credits annually increases by nine in each subsequent academic year. Also, the agreement must establish policies for faculty to periodically identify the courses with transferable credits. In addition, the agreement must include procedures for revising the agreement every year. As under current law, the bill allows tribally controlled and private nonprofit colleges in this state to participate in the agreement.

The bill also includes a requirement for passive review by the Joint Committee on Finance. No later than June 30, 2020, the Board of Regents and TCS Board must submit to JCF the agreement and the list of courses with transferable credits that are initially identified by faculty. If JCF does not schedule a meeting by a specified deadline to review the agreement and list, the bill allows the agreement and list to be implemented. However, if JCF schedules such a meeting, neither the agreement nor the list may be implemented unless approved or modified by JCF.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (cm) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           36.11 **(3)** (cm) 5. ~~Core general education courses that are subject to~~ Courses for  
3 which credits are transferable under the agreement required under s. 36.31 (2m).

4           **SECTION 2.** 36.31 (2m) (a) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

5           36.31 **(2m)** (a) 2m. “Credential” means a pathway certificate, one-year or  
6 2-year technical diploma, associate degree, or bachelor degree.

7           **SECTION 3.** 36.31 (2m) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 36.31 (2m) (b) (intro.)  
8 and amended to read:

9           36.31 **(2m)** (b) (intro.) Notwithstanding s. 36.09 (3) (a) and subject to par. (bm),  
10 the Board of Regents and the technical college system board shall, and the governing  
11 boards of tribally controlled colleges in this state and the association, on behalf of  
12 private colleges, may, enter into and implement an agreement that identifies core

1 ~~general education courses totaling not fewer than 30 credits and establishes~~ does all  
2 of the following:

3 1. Establishes policies for ensuring that, beginning in the ~~2014-15~~ 2020-21  
4 academic year, credits for completing the courses that satisfy credential  
5 requirements in different subject areas, which shall include core general education  
6 courses, are transferable and ~~would satisfy general education requirements at the~~  
7 ~~receiving institution or college,~~ between and within each institution, college campus,  
8 and technical college, and each tribally controlled college and private college that  
9 elects to participate in the agreement.

10 **SECTION 4.** 36.31 (2m) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

11 36.31 **(2m)** (b) 2. Specifies the total number of course credits that are  
12 transferable under the policies established under subd. 1., which may not be fewer  
13 than 75 credits in the 2020-21 academic year and which shall annually increase by  
14 9 credits in each subsequent academic year.

15 **SECTION 5.** 36.31 (2m) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

16 36.31 **(2m)** (b) 3. Establishes policies for institution and technical college  
17 faculty and faculty of tribally controlled and private colleges that elect to participate  
18 in the agreement to periodically identify the courses for which credits are  
19 transferable under the agreement.

20 **SECTION 6.** 36.31 (2m) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

21 36.31 **(2m)** (b) 4. Includes procedures for revising the agreement annually.

22 **SECTION 7.** 36.31 (2m) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

23 36.31 **(2m)** (bm) No later than June 30, 2020, the Board of Regents and the  
24 technical college system board shall submit to the joint committee on finance the  
25 agreement required under par. (b) and the list of courses initially identified by faculty

1 under par. (b) 3. If the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance do not notify  
2 the board within 14 working days after the date of the submittal that the committee  
3 has scheduled a meeting to review the agreement and list, the agreement and list  
4 shall be implemented. If, within 14 working days after the date of the submittal, the  
5 cochairpersons of the committee notify the board that the committee has scheduled  
6 a meeting to review the agreement or list, neither the agreement nor list may be  
7 implemented unless the committee approves or modifies the agreement or list. If the  
8 committee modifies the agreement or list, the agreement and list may be  
9 implemented only as modified by the committee.

10 **SECTION 8.** 36.65 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 36.65 (3) ~~CORE GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT~~ CREDIT TRANSFERS. The board shall  
12 include in the report required under sub. (2) a description of the agreement entered  
13 into under s. 36.31 (2m) and a summary of the board's implementation of the  
14 agreement. This subsection first applies to the report required under sub. (2) that  
15 applies to the ~~2014-15~~ 2020-21 academic year.

16 (END)