

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 11,
2 Section 178.786, Lines 19-41, by deleting all of the said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:
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5 "4. (1) The coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee composed of
6 an equal number of representatives from each public community college in this state and each public
7 four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a sixty-credit-hour, transferable,
8 lower-division course equivalency block and a common course numbering equivalency matrix for
9 the following degree programs:

10 (a) General business;

11 (b) Elementary education and teaching;

12 (c) General psychology;

13 (d) Nursing; and

14 (e) General biology or biological science, or both.

15 (2) Such sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block shall
16 facilitate the transfer of courses that are part of such program among public institutions of higher
17 education in this state by promoting consistency in course designation and course identification.

18 (3) Each public community college and public four-year institution of higher education in
19 this state offering the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include
20 in its programs of study the common course numbering equivalency matrix approved by the
21 coordinating board under this subsection.

22 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or section 178.787 to the contrary, the
23 advisory committee may, upon a unanimous vote, approve a number of credit hours that differs from
24 the sixty-credit-hour requirement for the transferable, lower-division course equivalency block and
25 common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree programs listed in paragraphs (a) to
26 (e) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

27 5. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsection 4 of this section
28 before June 30, 2027, for implementation of the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division
29 course equivalency block for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of
30 this section for the 2028-29 academic year for all public institutions of higher education in this
31 state."; and

Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 Further amend said bill, Pages 12-13, Section 178.787, Lines 18 to 48, by deleting all of the said
2 lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 "4. Each community college in this state, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-year
5 institution of higher education in this state shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-
6 division course equivalency block and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the degree
7 programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of section 178.786, including specific courses
8 constituting the block, based on the core outcome recommendations made by the coordinating board
9 for higher education under subsection 4 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the
10 2028-29 academic year. No institution of higher education in this state shall be required to adopt the
11 sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course equivalency block for degree programs not
12 offered at the institution.

13 5. If a student successfully completes the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division
14 courses at a community college or other public institution of higher education in this state, such
15 block of courses may be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state
16 and shall be substituted for the receiving institution's lower-division block for the same degree
17 program. A student shall receive academic credit toward the student's degree for each of the courses
18 transferred and shall not be required to take additional equivalent courses at the receiving institution
19 for the same degree program.

20 6. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education in this state to
21 another public institution of higher education in this state without completing the sixty-credit-hour,
22 transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the sending institution shall receive
23 academic credit toward the same degree program from the receiving institution for each of the
24 courses that the student has successfully completed in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-
25 division course equivalency block of the sending institution. Following receipt of credit for such
26 courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the sixty-credit-hour,
27 transferable, lower-division course equivalency block of the receiving institution.

28 7. The coordinating board shall report to the house higher education committee and the
29 senate education committee on progress related to the requirements of subsections 4 and 5 of section
30 178.786 and subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section before December 31, 2026."; and

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32 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
33 accordingly.