

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PARKER.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 178.786 and 178.787, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to higher education core curricula.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 178.786 and 178.787, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 178.786 and 178.787, to read as follows:

178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, with the assistance of an
2 advisory committee composed of representatives from each public community college in this
3 state and each public four-year institution of higher education, shall develop a recommended
4 lower division core curriculum of forty-two semester credit hours, including a statement of
5 the content, component areas, and objectives of the core curriculum. A majority of the
6 members of the advisory committee shall be faculty members from Missouri public
7 institutions of higher education.

8 2. The coordinating board shall approve a common course numbering equivalency
9 matrix for the forty-two credit hour block at all institutions of higher education in the state to
10 facilitate the transfer of those courses among institutions of higher education by promoting
11 consistency in course designation and course identification. Each community college and
12 four-year institution of higher education shall include in its course listings the applicable
13 course numbers from the common course numbering equivalency matrix approved by the
14 coordinating board under this subsection.

15 3. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsections 1 and 2 of
16 this section prior to January 1, 2018, for implementation of the core curriculum transfer

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 recommendations for the 2018-19 academic year for all public institutions of higher
18 education.

19 **4. (1) The coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee**
20 **composed of representatives from each public community college in this state and each**
21 **public four-year institution of higher education in this state, shall approve a sixty-credit-**
22 **hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum and a common course numbering**
23 **equivalency matrix for the following degree programs:**

24 **(a) General business;**

25 **(b) Elementary education and teaching;**

26 **(c) General psychology;**

27 **(d) Registered nursing; and**

28 **(e) General biology or biological science, or both.**

29 **(2) Such sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum shall**
30 **facilitate the transfer of courses that are part of such curriculum among public**
31 **institutions of higher education in this state by promoting consistency in course**
32 **designation and course identification.**

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

37 **5. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsection 4 of this**
38 **section before June 30, 2027, for implementation of the sixty-credit-hour, transferable,**
39 **lower-division course curriculum for the degree programs described in subdivision (1)**
40 **of subsection 4 of this section for the 2027-28 academic year for all public institutions of**
41 **higher education in this state.**

178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-
2 year institution of higher education shall adopt the forty-two credit hour block, including
3 specific courses comprising the curriculum, based on the core curriculum recommendations
4 made by the coordinating board for higher education under subsections 1 and 2 of section
5 178.786, for implementation beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.

6 2. If a student successfully completes the forty-two credit core curriculum at a
7 community college or other public institution of higher education, that block of courses may
8 be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state and shall be
9 substituted for the receiving institution's core curriculum. A student shall receive academic
10 credit for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required to take additional core
11 curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

12 3. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education to another
13 public institution of higher education in the state without completing the core curriculum of
14 the sending institution shall receive academic credit from the receiving institution for each of
15 the courses that the student has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending
16 institution. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to
17 satisfy further course requirements in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.

18 **4. Each community college in this state, as defined in section 163.191, and public**
19 **four-year institution of higher education in this state shall adopt the sixty-credit-hour,**
20 **transferable, lower-division course curriculum and common course numbering**
21 **equivalency matrix for the degree programs described in subdivision (1) of subsection**
22 **4 of section 178.786, including specific courses constituting the curriculum, based on the**
23 **core curriculum recommendations made by the coordinating board for higher**
24 **education under subsection 4 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the**
25 **2027-28 academic year. No institution of higher education in this state shall be required**
26 **to adopt the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum for degree**
27 **programs not offered at the institution.**

28 **5. If a student successfully completes the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-**
29 **division courses at a community college or other public institution of higher education in**
30 **this state, such block of courses may be transferred to any other public institution of**
31 **higher education in this state and shall be substituted for the receiving institution's core**
32 **curriculum for the same degree program. A student shall receive academic credit**
33 **toward the student's degree for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required**
34 **to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution for the same**
35 **degree program.**

36 **6. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education in this**
37 **state to another public institution of higher education in this state without completing**
38 **the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum of the sending**
39 **institution shall receive academic credit toward the same degree program from the**
40 **receiving institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed**
41 **in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division course curriculum of the sending**
42 **institution. Following receipt of credit for such courses, the student may be required to**
43 **satisfy further course requirements in the sixty-credit-hour, transferable, lower-division**
44 **course curriculum of the receiving institution.**

45 **7. The coordinating board shall report to the house higher education committee**
46 **and the senate education committee on progress related to the requirements of**

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47 subsections 4 and 5 of section 178.786 and subsections 4, 5, and 6 of this section before
48 December 31, 2026.

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