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SENATE BILL DRS45169-MK-34A

Short Title: 9th/10th Grade/College Transfer Pathways. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT CERTAIN FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL  
3 STUDENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE COURSES AS PART OF AN  
4 ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAY OR COLLEGE TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-20(4)a. reads as rewritten:

- 7 "a. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Community ~~Colleges,~~  
8 ~~Colleges and the adoption of criteria by the State Board for~~  
9 ~~qualification of eligible students, including that as part of the criteria~~  
10 ~~for a sophomore student, the student has a high school grade point~~  
11 ~~average of at least 3.0 and for a freshman student, the student has an~~  
12 ~~equivalent measure to demonstrate readiness for the course material,~~  
13 local community colleges may collaborate with local school  
14 administrative units to offer courses through the following programs:  
15 1. Cooperative innovative high school programs as provided by  
16 Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.  
17 2. Academic transition pathways for qualified ~~junior-freshman,~~  
18 ~~sophomore, junior,~~ and senior high school students that lead to  
19 a career technical education certificate, diploma, or State or  
20 industry-recognized ~~credential and academic transition~~  
21 ~~pathways for qualified freshmen and sophomore high school~~  
22 ~~students that lead to a career technical education certificate or~~  
23 ~~diploma in (i) industrial and engineering technologies, (ii)~~  
24 ~~agriculture and natural resources, or (iii) transportation~~  
25 ~~technology-credential.~~  
26 3. College transfer certificates requiring the successful  
27 completion of thirty semester credit hours of transfer courses,  
28 including English and mathematics, for qualified ~~junior~~  
29 ~~freshman, sophomore, junior,~~ and senior high school students."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
31 the 2019-2020 school year.



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