

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 36.11 (3) (cr) and 38.04 (21m) of the statutes; **relating to:** an annual  
2     report to the legislature regarding the transfer of credits between educational  
3     institutions.

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was  
prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on  
Building Wisconsin's Workforce.

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

4     **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

5     36.11 (3) (cr) By December 1, 2010, and annually by December 1 thereafter, the board  
6     shall submit a report, jointly with the technical college system board under s. 38.04 (21m), to  
7     the proper legislative committee containing all of the following:

8     1. An assessment of program-to-program transfers between institutions in the system  
9     and institutions in the technical college system, including:

10     a. Enrollment information regarding students who transfer to institutions in the system  
11     from institutions in the technical college system.

12     b. Identification of programs where additional program-to-program transfer  
13     articulation agreements may be developed.

14     c. The academic outcomes, including retention and graduation, of students who transfer  
15     to institutions in the system from institutions in the technical college system.

16     2. An explanation of any actions taken by the system to increase the number of  
17     program-to-program transfer articulation agreements between institutions within the system

1 and with educational institutions outside the system, including institutions in the technical  
2 college system.

3 3. An explanation of any actions taken by the system to increase the transfer of credits,  
4 including credits for liberal studies and vocational courses, between institutions within the  
5 system and with educational institutions outside the system, including institutions in the  
6 technical college system.

**NOTE:** Current law requires that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System establish policies for the transfer of credits between institutions in the UW System, including the designation of courses that are transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit towards graduation or towards completion of a course of study. [s. 36.11 (3) (b), stats.] In addition, current law provides that the board may establish policies for the transfer of credits with educational institutions outside the UW System. [s. 36.11 (3) (c), stats.]

This SECTION requires that the Board of Regents of the UW System submit an annual report to the legislature that contains certain information regarding the transfer of credits and program-to-program transfers between UW System institutions and with educational institutions outside the UW System, including Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institutions. The report must be jointly submitted by the UW System and WTCS.

**COMMENT:** This SECTION requires that the annual report contain information similar to the information in the *Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to the University of Wisconsin (UWS) Program Assessment Study*. [The executive summary of this report was distributed to the committee at its October 22, 2008 meeting.] This SECTION also requires that the UW System report on any actions taken by the UW System to increase the transfer of credits and number of program-to-program transfer articulation agreements.

7 **SECTION 2.** 38.04 (21m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 38.04 **(21m)** TRANSFER OF CREDITS; BOARD REPORT. By December 1, 2010, and annually  
9 by December 1 thereafter, the board shall submit a report, jointly with the board of regents of  
10 the University of Wisconsin System under s. 36.11 (3) (cr), to the proper legislative committee  
11 containing all of the following:

1 (a) An assessment of program-to-program transfers between institutions in the  
2 technical college system and institutions in the University of Wisconsin System, including:

3 1. Enrollment information regarding students who transfer to institutions in the  
4 University of Wisconsin System from institutions in the technical college system.

5 2. Identification of programs where additional program-to-program transfer  
6 articulation agreements may be developed.

7 3. The academic outcomes, including retention and graduation, of students who transfer  
8 to institutions in the University of Wisconsin System from institutions in the technical college  
9 system.

10 (b) An explanation of any actions taken by the technical college system to increase the  
11 number of program-to-program transfer articulation agreements between institutions within  
12 the technical college system and with educational institutions outside the technical college  
13 system, including institutions in the University of Wisconsin System.

14 (c) An explanation of any actions taken by the technical college system to increase the  
15 transfer of credits, including credits for liberal studies and vocational courses, between  
16 institutions within the technical college system and with educational institutions outside the  
17 technical college system, including institutions in the University of Wisconsin System.

**NOTE:** Current law requires that WTCS district boards coordinate the collegiate transfer program with institutions in the UW System. [s. 38.12 (8) (b), stats.; see also s. 36.31, stats.] The “collegiate transfer program” is a statewide, full-time program, designated and approved by the WTCS board, in which credits earned may be transferred to a 4-year institution of higher education. [s. 38.01 (3), stats.]

This SECTION requires that the WTCS board submit an annual report to the legislature that contains certain information regarding the transfer of credits and program-to-program transfers between WTCS institutions and with educational institutions outside WTCS, including UW System institutions. The report must be jointly submitted by WTCS and the UW System.

**COMMENT:** See the Comment in SECTION 1.

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