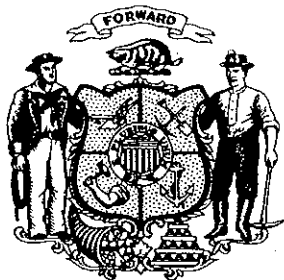


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Mr. Kevin Reilly, President
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Dear President Reilly:

We are writing in our capacity as chair and vice chair of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Building Wisconsin's Workforce. In the course of its meetings, the committee has received substantial testimony regarding the advancement of program-to-program transfer articulation agreements with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and other efforts by the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to increase the transferability of credits both within the system and with institutions outside the system.

An important characteristic of our 21st century economy is the typical employee's increasing responsibility to continue learning, and in many cases, to obtain education sufficient to facilitate changes in career fields. As our current economy faces challenges, the need for straightforward access to higher education becomes even more important.

The committee believes access to higher education is of great importance to a successful state economy and encourages the UW System to continue and improve its efforts regarding transferability of credits within the system, as well as transfer articulation agreements and credit transfer with institutions outside the system.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Karls or Scott Grosz, Legislative Council Staff Attorneys.

Sincerely,

Representative Pat Strachota
Chair, Special Committee on
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