

2010 Higher Education Policy Bill

Sec. 38. CREDIT TRANSFER; MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. (a) The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must develop and implement a plan to improve credit transfers within the system. At a minimum, the board must: (1) enhance information on transferring and tracking credits; (2) improve training for all staff involved with credit transfer; (3) identify discrepancies in transferring and accepting credits by institutions within the system and devise methods to improve the uniform treatment of credit transfers; and (4) require, to the extent feasible, institutional rather than student obligation to provide prompt required documentation for course equivalency determinations. (b) The board may convene working groups of affected faculty, staff, students, and administrators representing institutions and academic and technical disciplines in the system to work on issues and barriers to credit transfer. (c) The board must provide systemwide transfer information on the Internet that is easily accessible and maintained in a current and accurate status. Each system college and university shall post information necessary to determine the transferability of course credits on their institutional Web sites. The working groups must develop a template to be used by the colleges and universities to ensure consistency in the information available to students. The links to each institution's informational Web site shall be submitted to the office of the chancellor for publication on the MinnesotaTransfer.org Web site. (d) The board shall report on February 15, 2011, and annually thereafter through 2014, on its activities to achieve the credit transfer goals in this section and the results of those activities. The report shall be made to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education policy and finance. The goals of this section should be fully achieved as soon as possible, but no later than the start of the 2015-2016 academic year. Presented to the governor May 14, 2010
Signed by the governor May 18, 2010, 2:58 p.m.