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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.

