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**SENATE BILL NO. 1346**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-908 of the Code of Virginia, relating to associate-degree-granting institutions; transfer credit information.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 23.1-908 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 23.1-908. State Transfer Tool; course catalogs.**

A. The Council shall develop, in cooperation with each public institution of higher education, a State Transfer Tool that designates each general education course that is offered in an associate degree program at an associate-degree-granting public institution of higher education and transferable for course credit to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education.

In developing the State Transfer Tool, the Council shall also seek the participation of private institutions of higher education.

B. The Council shall develop guidelines to govern the development and implementation of articulation, dual admissions, and guaranteed admissions agreements between associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and baccalaureate public institutions of higher education. Dual admissions agreements shall set forth (i) the obligations of each student accepted to such a program, including grade point average requirements, acceptable associate degree majors, and completion timetables, and (ii) the extent to which each student accepted to such a program may access the privileges of enrollment at both institutions while he is enrolled at either institution. Such agreements are subject to the admissions requirements of the baccalaureate public institutions of higher education.

C. The Council shall develop and make available to the public information identifying all general education courses offered at associate-degree-granting public institutions of higher education and designating those that are transferable for course credit at baccalaureate public institutions of higher education and baccalaureate private institutions of higher education.

D. Each associate-degree-granting institution of higher education (i) shall designate in its course catalog each course that is offered in an associate degree program at such institution and is transferable for course credit to a baccalaureate public institution of higher education and (ii) shall provide information on the State Transfer Tool to all enrolled students.

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