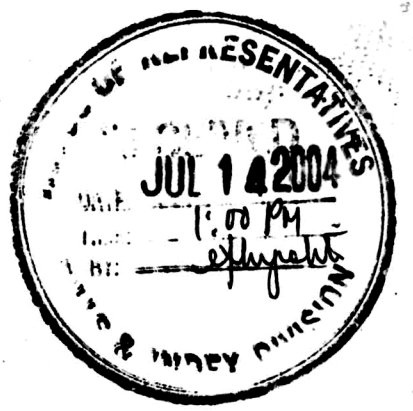
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Introduced by **Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure is aimed at promoting the interest of students by ensuring that transferring of schools due to one reason or another would not in any way deprive them of their right to pursue and complete their search educational advancement.

This mandates all public and private Institutions of Higher Learning are to credit academic subjects/courses already taken in favor of a transferring student provided that basic requirements are met.

The bill specifically stipulates that:

a) The student, whose subjects/courses are applied for credit, should have passed in said subjects/courses;

b) The subjects/courses applied for credit by the student should have, at least, the same units of equivalency in the curriculum of the school where the student applies for transfer; and

c) That grades with "Grade Withheld" and "Incomplete" marks, which are not settled within the duration of one (1) year from the date set by the previous school, will not be considered for credit unless proper justification from the Registrar of the previous school attests as to the delay of submission of said report.

Furthermore, the bill also proposes that grades or credit units may be credited in favor of a transferring student for major subjects/courses that carry similar descriptive titles and related topic of discussions provided that specific guidelines are defined. These guidelines include the following:

a) That such major subjects/courses previously taken have either the same or higher (or greater) value in terms of credit units as compared to the subjects/courses to which they shall be credited in exchange of in the school where the student intends to pursue education; and

b) That such major subjects/courses previously taken are officially certified by the Registrar of the previous school that such subjects/courses indeed have such official descriptive titles and topics of discussions.

For any violation thereof, specific fines are provided.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO CREDIT SUBJECTS ALREADY TAKEN BY A TRANSFERING STUDENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Credit of Academic Subjects/Courses.* All government and private Institutions of Higher Learning are directed to credit academic subjects/courses already taken in favor of a transferring student: *Provided, however*, That the following basic requirements are met:

(1) The student, whose subjects/courses are applied for credit, has passed in said subjects/courses;

(2) The subjects/courses applied for credit shall have, at least, the same units of equivalency in the curriculum of the school where the student applies for transfer; and

(3) "Grade Withheld" and "Incomplete" Marks, which are not settled during the duration of one (1) year from the date set by the previous school, shall not be considered for credit unless proper justification from the Registrar of the previous school attests as to the delay of submission of said report.

SEC. 2. *Subjects/Courses of Similar Descriptive Titles.* Grades or credit units may be credited in favor of a transferring student for major subjects/courses that carry similar descriptive titles and related topic of discussions: *Provided, however*, That:

(1) such major subjects/courses previously taken have either the same or higher (or greater) value in terms of credit units as compared to the subjects/courses to which they shall be credited in exchange of in the school where the student intends to pursue education; and

(2) such major subjects/courses previously taken are officially certified by the Registrar of the previous school that such subjects/courses indeed have such official descriptive titles and topics of discussions.

SEC. 3. *Automatic Credits for Basic Subjects/Courses*. Only basic or minor subjects/courses from the previous school attended shall earn direct or automatic credits in favor of a transferring student: *Provided, however*, the requirements set forth in Section 1, paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) are fulfilled.

SEC. 4. *Penalty*. Any school official who may be found liable for violation of any provision hereof shall be fined the amount ranging from Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) to Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment ranging from one (1) month and one (1) day to six (6) months. The academic institution shall also be held liable for such violation committed by its school official. It shall be accorded the following actions:

(a) Reprimand for first offense;
(b) Fine of Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) per course/subject; and
(c) Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) per subject/course being denied of credit and of permanent revocation of permit to operate and closure of the school.

SEC. 5. *Rules and Regulations*. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause*. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.