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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

SENATE BILL 31 (Version M)

University of Alaska Credit Transferability

Sec. 1: Adds a new section to the duties of the University of Alaska (UA) to include:

AS 14.40.185 (A) The Board of Regents (BOR) shall establish foundational curriculum for each major degree program, identifying a list of required first-year, lower division courses that will be fully transferable between each campus of the UA system. In establishing the foundational curriculum, the BOR shall:

1. Consult with Directors from each campus of the UA system;
 2. Evaluate current lower division courses offered at each campus for transferability between campuses;
 3. Identify major areas of study based on workforce demand and academic need;
 4. Publicly disclose the criteria used to establish the foundational curricula and major areas of study;
 5. Distribute the foundational curriculum for each major area of study to each campus of the University of Alaska for replication;
 6. Determine and describe the courses, completion standards, and the optimal number of academic credits for the foundational curriculum for an academic degree program in each major area of study;
 7. Update the foundational curricula and major areas of study as necessary;
 8. Provide information and technical assistance to each campus about implementing the foundational curricula and the transferability of credits; and
 9. Evaluate the effect of the foundational curricula on transferability of course credit and report annually to the legislature on the implementation and success of the foundational curricula and credit transfer activity within the UA system.
- (B) Specifies the BOR shall make foundational curricula course credit fully transferable for UA students within the UA system.
- (C) All students of UA shall be provided with information about foundational curriculum and respective course transferability.