A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT
LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT
AND MONITOR THE PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF CREDITS BETWEEN
NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Whereas, it is in the public interest that the North Carolina institutions of higher education have a uniform procedure for the transfer of credits from one community college to another community college and from the community colleges to the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina; and
Whereas, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges have developed a plan for the transfer of credits between the North Carolina institutions of higher education; and
Whereas, the General Assembly continues to be interested in the progress being made towards increasing the number of credits that will transfer and improving the quality of academic advising available to students regarding the transfer of credits; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
Section 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and
the State Board of Community Colleges shall develop a plan to provide students with
accurate and understandable information regarding the transfer of credits between
community colleges and between community colleges and the constituent institutions of
The University of North Carolina. The plan shall include provisions to increase the
adequacy and availability of academic counseling for students who are considering a
college transfer program. The Board of Governors and the State Board of Community
Colleges shall report on the implementation of this plan to the General Assembly and the
Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 1997.

Sec. 2. The Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges
shall establish a timetable for the development of guidelines and transfer agreements for
program majors, professional specializations, and associate in applied science degrees.
The Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges shall submit the
timetable and report on its implementation to the General Assembly and the Joint
Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 1997.

Sec. 3. The State Board of Community Colleges shall review its policies and
rules and make any changes in them that are necessary to implement the plan for the
transfer of credits, including policies and rules regarding the common course numbering
system, common course library, reengineering initiative, and the systemwide conversion
to a semester-based academic year. The necessary changes shall be made in order to
ensure full implementation by September 1, 1997.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.