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H.F. 1306 requires the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) to establish a policy implementing a transfer curriculum to facilitate the transfer of college credit. The transfer curriculum must include a list of common general education goal areas that state colleges or universities can use when defining the requirements for a degree program.

If a student completes part or all of a goal area at one MnSCU institution, all other institutions in the system must accept that part of the goal area or goal area as completed. If a student completes the entire transfer curriculum at one MnSCU institution, the curriculum must be counted as complete at other MnSCU institutions.

If the University of Minnesota determines that a student has completed the transfer curriculum, the curriculum must be accepted as complete at the MnSCU institution to which the student chooses to transfer. If a student completed part of the transfer curriculum at the University of Minnesota, the receiving institution will determine which courses count toward transfer curriculum goal areas for that student. If one institution in the MnSCU curriculum determines that a student's course at the University of Minnesota meets a goal area, all other MnSCU institutions must accept that goal area as complete.

If a student completes a course that fulfills a goal area or part of a goal area as part of the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, that goal area must be accepted as complete.

The Board of Trustees of MnSCU has established a transfer curriculum policy that is similar to the policy required under the bill. The board's policy does not specifically address the issue of students taking courses through the PSEO program.