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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 29, 2011

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Rep. Dan Deasy

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of Legislation - Expanding Transfer of Credits between

Institutions of Higher Education

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will aim to expand the eligibility of college credits for transfer under the Transfers of Credits between Institutions of Higher Education (Article XX-C of the Public School Code).

Under current articulation agreements between community colleges and Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), state institutions of higher education are only required to accept 30 credit hours for transfer. My legislation would seek to increase that requirement to 60 credit hours, or the relative amount for an associates' degree. This will allow students attending community colleges the opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree without losing hardearned credits due to the current law.

In addition to PASSHE institutions, my legislation also provides for state-related institutions to participate in this program.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Louise in my office at 772-8187 or Lkoppenh@pahouse.net.