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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL MEMBERS

**FROM:** REPRESENTATIVE PETER ZUG 

**DATE:** December 30, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Ability to uniformly transfer credits between SSHE schools

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In the near future I plan to introduce legislation to deal with the articulation process within the State System of Higher Education. There have been reports that students transferring within the SSHE (and even between campuses of the same SSHE institution) are having difficulty getting their course credits or program credits counted toward equivalent course, program or degree requirements at the receiving institution. Consequently, students may have to repeat one or more courses deemed insufficient by the faculty or department, despite the fact that much of the content of the course was covered in another class under a different title.

My legislation would require the Chancellor of the State System to inventory all courses and programs offered at SSHE member institutions, evaluate their compatibility and determine which courses or programs are essentially equivalents and list them as transferable at State System member institutions. Individual university presidents, academic departments, faculty organizations, councils of trustees or bargaining agreements would NOT supersede the determination of the Chancellor as to course transferability.

If you are interested in being a co-sponsor, please contact Lori Losch at 787-2686 or [llosch@pahousegop.com](mailto:llosch@pahousegop.com). Thank you for considering this bill for support

