



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

SENATE BILL 366: 9th/10th Grade/College Transfer Pathways.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Education/Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	May 1, 2019
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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 366 would allow certain freshman and sophomore high school student to be eligible to enroll in community college courses that lead to (i) a career technical education certificate, diploma, or State or industry-recognized credential or (ii) college transfer certificate.

CURRENT LAW: The Career and College Promise Program allows local community colleges to collaborate with local school administrative units to offer courses to high school students through various pathways: (i) Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS); (ii) college transfer pathway; and (iii) career and technical education pathway.

Career and Technical Education Pathway—High School Juniors and Seniors

High school juniors and seniors are eligible for the career and technical education pathway if they have a weighted GPA of 3.0 for their high school courses or have a recommendation of the high school principal or designee. These college and technical education courses can be used to provide partial or full fulfillment of the four-unit high school career cluster.

Career and Technical Education Pathway—High School Freshman and Sophomores

High school freshman and sophomores are eligible for the career and technical education pathway for certificates and diplomas in the following areas: (i) industrial technologies; (ii) engineering technologies; (iii) agriculture and natural resources; and (iv) transportation. These students also must meet academic requirements, including having passed Math I with a grade of "C" or better; test college ready in math, English, and reading, and have the recommendation of the high school principal or designee. These college and technical education courses can be used to provide partial or full fulfillment of the four-unit high school career cluster.

College Transfer Pathway—High School Juniors and Seniors

High school juniors and seniors are eligible for the college transfer path if they have a weighted GPA of 3.0 and have demonstrated college readiness in English, reading, and mathematics by meeting benchmarks on diagnostic assessment tests which have been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 366 would expand the career and technical education pathway to high school freshman and sophomores for all areas that lead to career technical education certificates, diplomas, or State or industry-recognized credentials. It would also expand the college transfer pathway to high school freshman and sophomores. Sophomore students must have a high school GPA of at least 3.0 and freshman students must have an equivalent measure to demonstrate readiness for the course material.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law and applies with beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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