Title: Credit Course Repetition Regulations

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Background

Changes to proposed regulations concerning course repetition were adopted by the Board of Governors in July 2011 and July 2012. Most significantly those changes limited the number of times a student could enroll in the same course and limited the types of courses that colleges could designate as repeatable. In addition, those changes limited the apportionment a college could receive for student enrollments in a single course. Prior to 2011, many districts had designated general and occupational work experience courses (collectively referred to as cooperative work experience courses) as repeatable and permitted students to enroll multiple times in those courses. Changes to the regulations governing the types of courses districts could lawfully designate as repeatable precluded districts from lawfully designating cooperative work experience courses as repeatable. However, pursuant to a regulation predating the 2011 changes, districts could still permit students to repeat occupational work experience courses. However, this exception did not permit the repetition of general work experience courses.

Proposal

The proposed change to section 55040 would permit districts to adopt credit course repetition policies that allow students to repeat both types of cooperative work experience courses, general and occupational. In addition, changes are proposed to eliminate the requirement that a district only offer one course in an occupational field in order to permit a student to repeat an occupational work experience course. And last, changes are proposed to clarify that if a student is repeating a course pursuant to the legally mandated exception or as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards there be a nexus between the repetition and the student’s employment or licensure as was intended when the changes to the regulations were adopted in 2011.

The draft proposed regulations and a section-by-section analysis of the proposed changes are attached for review and discussion.