SB 1440 (Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act)
OR
The Associates Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)

- Introduced By Senator Padilla and signed by the governor on September 29th, 2010

http://sd20.senate.ca.gov/legislation

Purpose and Steps to Complete the Program

- Enables California Community Colleges and California State Universities to collaborate on the creation of AA/ AS Transfer Program, which guarantees students’ admission to the CSU system with Junior Standing, and are given priority registration when applying to a particular program to complete their Bachelor’s.

- This Joint Transfer program means students can complete their Associate degrees and complete a good portion of their Bachelor’s degree requirements by fulfilling 120 units by the time they transfer:
  - 60 of those units will be to complete a baccalaureate degree that’s been deemed similar to the baccalaureate program at their prospective CSU. → broken down further under “Eligibility”.

- Students work with Community College advisors to develop an academic plan that includes the specific course requirements (general education, major preparation, elective courses).

Specific Degrees Towards a Bachelor’s Degrees in Accordance with the Transfer Program


http://adegreewithaguarantee.com/

Applications for Admission to a CSU Campus Will Open

October 1st for the Fall 2014 term

Eligibility to Transfer into a Baccalaureate Program at a CSU

(1) Completion of 60 semester units, or 90 quarter units, that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

   (A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

   (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
Specifics of the Bill and Why It Was Introduced in the First Place

- This bill would authorize the California State University to require a transferring student to take additional coursework at the California State University in specified circumstances, and would prohibit the California State University from requiring a transferring student to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted towards the units required for the associate degree for transfer.
- Many transfer students leave the community college system having completed transfer requirements, but are unable to participate in community college graduation ceremonies, do not have a degree to show for their work, and are ineligible for some awards and scholarships because they did not fulfill current requirements for an associate degree.
- It is more cost effective as well, because students can complete 60 of their units towards their intended baccalaureate program, at a community college.
- Students that are assessed below a collegiate level or test into remedial courses will not be denied to participate in this program, but remedial courses will not count in obtaining the AA-T/ AS-T.
- The Legislative Analyst's Office will keep records of students' progress and completion rates.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200920100SB1440