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Rep. Kitchens Statement on Passage of Transfer of College Credits for High School Students Bill

Madison—State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement after the Assembly voted to pass SB 407, the Transfer of College Credits for High School Students bill:

"I am incredibly pleased with the passage of my Transfer of College Credits for High School Students bill on the floor of the Assembly earlier today. This bill will allow students who have taken college level courses in high school and mastered the material to get the credits they deserve. The bill directs the Board of Regents to establish policies for those credits and if the credits are not transferable, allow the student to take an examination to determine their competency in the material.

"This will alleviate some of the potential debt that the average Wisconsin college student might accrue and save them time and money.

"As lawmakers, it is our responsibility to make sure that we set up our state's children for success and this bill is a simple tool to make their road to success just a little bit smoother. If we want our students to stay motivated in the Wisconsin school system and take college-level classes, we need to show them that there will be a tangible benefit once they reach college.

"This is a common sense bill that is in keeping with our efforts to keep the path of continuing education affordable for our youth. I would like to thank my Senate author, Senator Feyen (R-Fond Du Lac), for his partnership on this issue."

The bill will now head to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

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