

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 30, 2014

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in transfers of credits between  
6 institutions of higher education, ~~providing for advanced~~ <--  
7 ~~placement exam scores articulation for college credit~~ FURTHER <--  
8 PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, FOR DUTIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS  
9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION  
10 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 ~~Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known~~ <--  
14 ~~as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a~~  
15 ~~section to read:~~

16 ~~Section 2008 C. Advanced placement exam scores articulation for~~  
17 ~~college credit.~~

18 ~~(a) Award. A postsecondary student who has obtained an~~  
19 ~~advanced placement exam score of at least three shall be awarded~~  
20 ~~comparable or aligned college course credits toward satisfying~~

~~degree requirements for graduation at a public institution of higher education. An independent and State related institution may accept advanced placement exam scores as described under this subsection.~~

~~(b) Credits.~~

~~(1) If an equivalent or aligned course under subsection (a) is not available at a public institution of higher education, an elective or area credit must be awarded in the appropriate academic discipline and must be applied toward graduation if the elective credit option exists within the academic major.~~

~~(2) A public institution of higher education may not require students who are awarded college course credits under paragraph (1) to obtain additional college course credits toward satisfying degree requirements for graduation.~~

~~(c) Consistency. There shall be consistency across institutions of higher education for those public institutions of higher education required to participate and those independent institutions of higher education that elect to participate in the articulation program.~~

~~(d) Report. A public institution of higher education shall report to the department all of the following:~~

~~(1) Number of students admitted who took advanced placement courses in high school.~~

~~(2) Total number of credits awarded based on advanced placement exam scores.~~

~~(3) Number of credits awarded per matriculating advanced placement students based on advanced placement courses taken.~~

~~(4) Number of credits awarded to matriculating advanced placement students toward major.~~

~~(5) Number of credits awarded to matriculating advanced placement students toward electives.~~

~~(c) Information and assistance. Information provided under subsection (d) shall be reported by the department to the chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and to the chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(f) Definitions. As used in this section, the term "advanced placement course" means a high school level preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that:~~

~~(1) incorporates all topics specified by the college board on its standard syllabus for a given subject area; and~~

~~(2) is authorized by the college board.~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 2001-C OF ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO READ:

SECTION 2001-C. DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

"ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)." A PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE COLLEGE BOARD THAT ALLOWS A STUDENT TO STUDY COLLEGE-LEVEL SUBJECTS WHILE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL AND TO RECEIVE ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR EARNING A QUALIFIED SCORE ON THE COURSE-RELATED ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM.

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"COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)." A SET OF STANDARDIZED TESTS DEVELOPED BY THE COLLEGE BOARD FOR VARIOUS SUBJECTS, AND ON WHICH A QUALIFYING SCORE CAN BE USED TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT.

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2 "CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING." COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDIT GRANTED  
3 TOWARD THE AWARD OF A POSTSECONDARY DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE FOR  
4 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THAT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH VARIOUS  
5 MEANS OF ASSESSMENT TO BE THE EQUIVALENT OF LEARNING GAINED  
6 THROUGH FORMAL COLLEGIATE INSTRUCTION, INCLUDING AN ADVANCED  
7 PLACEMENT EXAM, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM AND A COLLEGE-  
8 LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAM.

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10 "INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM (IB)." AN  
11 ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING TWO-YEAR PRE-COLLEGE DIPLOMA PROGRAM  
12 COMPRISED OF THREE CORE REQUIREMENTS AND SIX ACADEMIC SUBJECT  
13 AREAS WITH FINAL EXAMINATIONS THAT PREPARE STUDENTS, 16 TO 19  
14 YEARS OF AGE, FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND LIFE IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

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16 SECTION 2. SECTION 2002-C OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
17 SUBSECTION TO READ:

18 SECTION 2002-C. DUTIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
19 EDUCATION.

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21 (D) CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING.--EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
22 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 (1) ADOPT AND MAKE PUBLIC UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR  
24 DETERMINING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING AS OUTLINED IN  
25 PARAGRAPH (4) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2015.

26 (2) AGREE TO AWARD ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING,  
27 WHICH IS DETERMINED TO MEET THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER  
28 2004-C(C) (6) AND APPLY THE CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION, UNLESS  
29 PROHIBITED BY EXTERNAL ACCREDITATION OR LICENSURE.

30 (3) SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT INTERIM REPORTS OUTLINING

1 THE ACTIONS THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION HAS  
2 UNDERTAKEN OR INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPHS  
3 (1) AND (2).

4 (4) AS A MEMBER OF THE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION  
5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 2004-C:

6 (I) CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON A PROCESS AND  
7 TIMELINE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO  
8 DEVELOP UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING ACADEMIC CREDIT  
9 FOR PRIOR LEARNING, IN CONSULTATION WITH FACULTY AND  
10 PERSONNEL.

11 (II) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR  
12 DETERMINING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING, IN  
13 CONSULTATION WITH FACULTY AND PERSONNEL.

14 (III) PARTICIPATE IN SUBMITTING A STATUS REPORT TO  
15 THE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND  
16 THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

17 (5) FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ALL  
18 OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED CREDITS FOR  
20 ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND  
21 COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAMS, IF AVAILABLE.

22 (II) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS AWARDED TO STUDENTS  
23 FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND  
24 COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAMS, IF AVAILABLE.

25 (III) THE NUMBER OF CREDITS AWARDED TO MATRICULATING  
26 STUDENTS WHO PRESENT ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL  
27 BACCALAUREATE AND COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAMS  
28 THAT MEET THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER 2004-C(C) (6)  
29 AND, OF THOSE CREDITS, THE NUMBER OF CREDITS APPLIED  
30 TOWARD MAJOR REQUIREMENTS AND THE NUMBER OF CREDITS

1       APPLIED TOWARD ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS.

2           (IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO AWARDING OF  
3       CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
4       OR THE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE,  
5       INCLUDING THE USABILITY OF TRANSFER CREDITS.

6       SECTION 3.   SECTION 2004-C(C) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING  
7   A PARAGRAPH TO READ:

8   SECTION 2004-C.   TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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10       (C)   DUTIES OF TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OVERSIGHT  
11   COMMITTEE.--THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

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13       (6) WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
14       PARAGRAPH, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR  
15       AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING, IN CONSULTATION  
16       WITH FACULTY AND PERSONNEL FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
17       EDUCATION AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ELECT TO PARTICIPATE UNDER  
18       SECTION 2006-C.

19   Section 2 4.   This act shall take effect immediately.

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