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YOUNGBLOOD AND MURT, MARCH 25, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 25, 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.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

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

13 Section 2008-C. Advanced placement exam scores articulation for
14 college credit.

15 (a) Award.--A postsecondary student who has obtained an
16 advanced placement exam score of at least three shall be awarded
17 comparable or aligned college course credits toward satisfying
18 degree requirements for graduation at a public institution of
19 higher education. An independent and State-related institution

1 may accept advanced placement exam scores as described under
2 this subsection.

3 (b) Credits.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (e) Information and assistance.--Information provided under
2 subsection (d) shall be reported by the department to the
3 chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate and to the
4 chairman of the Education Committee of the House of
5 Representatives.

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

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

11 (2) is authorized by the college board.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.