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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a common articulation policy at the state of New York and city of New York university systems for granting college credit bearing coursework based upon successful performance on standardized exams completed by high school students

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-A. THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT AND
4 EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY FOR ACCEPTING AND GRANTING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR
5 COLLEGE LEVEL PERFORMANCE BASED UPON PASSING SCORES ON STANDARDIZED
6 EXAMS TAKEN BY STUDENTS WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE POLICY SHALL BE
7 ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN ANY STATE UNIVERSITY
8 CAMPUS, EFFECTIVE FOR THE TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN--TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN
9 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THEREAFTER.

10 A. THE POLICY SHALL BE DEVELOPED BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF A STUDY AND
11 SHALL INCLUDE: (I) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SYSTEM'S INSTITUTIONS,
12 STUDENT ADVISORY GROUPS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, A REVIEW BY THE
13 STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES OF FINDINGS AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE DATA FOR
14 STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY PASSING ONE OR MORE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS PRIOR
15 TO ENROLLING IN A STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; AND (II) MEASURES OF ACADEMIC
16 PERFORMANCE, RETENTION RATES, AND GRADUATION RATES OF STUDENTS WHO
17 COMPLETE A LOWER-DIVISION COURSE AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONS
18 OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A COMPARABLE
19 COLLEGE COURSE, DISAGGREGATED BY SCORE, BASED UPON ADVANCED PLACEMENT
20 EXAMINATIONS.

21 B. EACH INSTITUTION IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE
22 STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES THE DATA REQUESTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING
23 THIS STUDY IN A TIMELY MANNER.

24 C. NOT LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, THE STATE
25 UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT POLICY, BASED ON THE

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 FINDINGS OF THE STUDY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, FOR GRANTING COLLEGE
2 CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY EVIDENCE OF PASSING SCORES ON STANDARDIZED COLLEGE
3 LEVEL EXAMS COMPLETED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

4 S 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
5 subdivision 19 to read as follows:

6 19. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT AND EVIDENCE
7 BASED POLICY FOR ACCEPTING AND GRANTING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL
8 PERFORMANCE ON COLLEGE LEVEL STANDARDIZED EXAMS TAKEN BY STUDENTS WHILE
9 IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE POLICY SHALL BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR STUDENTS
10 ENROLLING IN ANY CITY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS EFFECTIVE FOR THE TWO THOUSAND
11 SEVENTEEN--TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN ACADEMIC YEAR AND THEREAFTER.

12 A. THE POLICY SHALL BE DEVELOPED BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF A STUDY AND
13 SHALL INCLUDE: (I) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SYSTEM'S INSTITUTIONS,
14 STUDENT ADVISORY GROUPS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, A REVIEW BY THE
15 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FINDINGS AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE DATA FOR STUDENTS
16 SUCCESSFULLY PASSING ONE OR MORE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS PRIOR TO
17 ENROLLING IN A STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; AND (II) MEASURES OF ACADEMIC
18 PERFORMANCE, RETENTION RATES, AND GRADUATION RATES OF STUDENTS WHO
19 COMPLETE A LOWER-DIVISION COURSE AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONS
20 OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A COMPA-
21 RABLE COLLEGE COURSE, DISAGGREGATED BY SCORE, BASED UPON ADVANCED PLACE-
22 MENT EXAMINATIONS.

23 B. EACH INSTITUTION IN THE CITY UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE
24 BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE DATA REQUESTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THIS
25 STUDY IN A TIMELY MANNER.

26 C. NOT LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, THE BOARD OF
27 TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT POLICY, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF
28 THE STUDY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, FOR GRANTING COLLEGE CREDIT
29 ESTABLISHED BY EVIDENCE OF PASSING SCORES ON STANDARDIZED COLLEGE LEVEL
30 EXAMS COMPLETED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

31 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.