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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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-b to read as follows:

3 2-b. The state university trustees shall establish a consistent and
4 evidence-based policy for accepting and granting comparable college
5 credit for demonstrating college level performance by earning passing
6 scores on standardized exams in high school. The policy shall be adopted
7 and implemented for students enrolling in any state university campus,
8 effective for the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three
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 or college; and (ii) measures of
16 academic performance, retention rates, and graduation rates of students
17 who complete a lower-division course at the state university's insti-
18 tutions of higher education compared to students who receive credit for
19 a comparable college course, disaggregated by score, based upon Advanced
20 Placement, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) International Bacca-
21 laureate (IB) Examinations.

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

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1 b. Each institution in the state university system shall submit to the
2 state university trustees the data requested for the purpose of complet-
3 ing this study in a timely manner.

4 c. Not later than January first, two thousand twenty-two, the state
5 university trustees shall establish a consistent policy, based on the
6 findings of the study required by this subdivision, for granting college
7 credit established by evidence of passing scores on standardized college
8 level exams completed in high school.

9 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
10 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

11 20. The board of trustees shall establish a consistent and evidence
12 based policy for accepting and granting college credit for successful
13 performance on college level standardized exams taken by students while
14 in high school. The policy shall be adopted and implemented for students
15 enrolling in any city university campus effective for the two thousand
16 twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three academic year and thereafter.

17 a. The policy shall be developed based on the findings of a study and
18 shall include: (i) in consultation with the system's institutions,
19 student advisory groups and other interested parties, a review by the
20 board of trustees of findings and academic performance data for students
21 successfully passing one or more Advanced Placement, College Level Exam-
22 ination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams prior
23 to enrolling in a state university college; and (ii) measures of academ-
24 ic performance, retention rates, and graduation rates of students who
25 complete a lower-division course at the city university's institutions
26 of higher education compared to students who receive credit for a compa-
27 rable college course, disaggregated by score, based upon Advanced Place-
28 ment Examinations.

29 b. Each institution in the city university system shall submit to the
30 board of trustees the data requested for the purpose of completing this
31 study in a timely manner.

32 c. Not later than January first, two thousand twenty-two, the board of
33 trustees shall establish a consistent policy, based on the findings of
34 the study required by this subdivision, for granting college credit
35 established by evidence of passing scores on standardized college level
36 exams completed in high school.

37 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.