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# IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing college credits for students who receive high marks on regents examinations

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 239-c to read as follows:

**§ 239-c. Scores required on regents examinations for college credit. 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive three college credits towards general coursework at a university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**2. A student shall receive an average score of eighty-five across any four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive three college credits towards general coursework at a university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**3. A student shall receive an average score of ninety across any four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma with an advanced designation with honors, in order to receive six college credits towards general coursework at a university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**4. A student shall be prohibited from availing themselves of multiple provisions of this section.**

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

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**5. Nothing in this section shall make any regents exam mandatory starting in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year.**

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6235 to read as follows:

**§ 6235 . Scores required on regents examinations for college credit. 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive three college credits towards general coursework at a city university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**2. A student shall receive an average score of eighty-five across any four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive three college credits towards general coursework at a city university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**3. A student shall receive an average score of ninety across any four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma with an advanced designation with honors, in order to receive six college credits towards general coursework at a city university. Each university shall determine which general education coursework those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation with such student.**

**4. A student shall be prohibited from availing themselves of multiple provisions of this section.**

**5. Nothing in this section shall make any regents exam mandatory starting in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight school year.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect August 1, 2027. Effectively immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.