

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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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:

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

3 § 239-c. Scores required on regents examinations for college credit.

4 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten  
5 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive  
6 three college credits towards general coursework at a university. Each  
7 university shall determine which general education coursework those  
8 credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation  
9 with such student.

10 2. A student shall receive an average score of eighty-five across any  
11 four regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to  
12 receive three college credits towards general coursework at a universi-  
13 ty. Each university shall determine which general education coursework  
14 those credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consulta-  
15 tion with such student.

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

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

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

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

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

6 § 6235 . Scores required on regents examinations for college credit.

7 1. A student shall receive an average score of eighty across all ten  
8 regents examinations, and attain a regents diploma, in order to receive  
9 three college credits towards general coursework at a city university.  
10 Each university shall determine which general education coursework those  
11 credits may be applied to on an individual basis and in consultation  
12 with such student.

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

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

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

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

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