

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2489

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5 By: Representative Hardwick
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE COURSE CREDIT
11 FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE AN
12 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM, AN ADVANCED
13 PLACEMENT PROGRAM, OR A COLLEGE-LEVEL EXAMINATION
14 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
17 EDUCATION TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE
18 CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
19 COMPLETING ADVANCED PROGRAMS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-60-103. Undergraduate course credit for high school students
28 completing postsecondary-level programs.

29 (a) As used in this section:

30 (1) "Advanced Placement examination" means an examination
31 administered through the Advanced Placement Program;

32 (2) "College-Level Examination Program examination" means an
33 examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program;

34 (3) "Coordinating board" means the Higher Education Coordinating
35 Board;

36 (4) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of



1 higher education that offers freshman-level courses; and

2 (5) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program" means the
3 curriculum and examinations leading to an International Baccalaureate diploma
4 awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

5 (b) Each institution of higher education that offers freshman-level
6 courses shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course
7 credit to an entering freshman student who has:

8 (1) Successfully completed the International Baccalaureate
9 Diploma Program;

10 (2) Achieved required scores on one (1) or more examinations in
11 the Advanced Placement Program or the College-Level Examination Program; or

12 (3) Successfully completed one (1) or more courses offered
13 through concurrent enrollment in high school and at an institution of higher
14 education.

15 (c) In the policy required under subsection (b) of this section, the
16 institution of higher education shall:

17 (1) Establish the institution of higher education's conditions
18 for granting course credit, including the minimum required scores on College-
19 Level Examination Program examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and
20 examinations for courses constituting the International Baccalaureate Diploma
21 Program; and

22 (2) Based on the correlations identified under subsection (f) of
23 this section, identify the specific course credit or other academic
24 requirements of the institution of higher education, including the number of
25 semester credit hours or other course credit that the institution of higher
26 education will grant to a student who:

27 (A) Successfully completes the International Baccalaureate
28 Diploma Program;

29 (B) Achieves required scores on one (1) or more
30 examinations in the Advanced Placement Program or the College-Level
31 Examination Program; or

32 (C) Successfully completes one (1) or more courses offered
33 through concurrent enrollment in high school and at an institution of higher
34 education.

35 (d) Each institution of higher education shall:

36 (1) Report to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board

1 the institution of higher education's policy adopted under this section; and

2 (2) Include a copy of the institution of higher education's
3 policy adopted under this section with the institution's undergraduate
4 student application materials, including application materials available on
5 the institution's Internet website.

6 (e) On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman,
7 an institution of higher education, based on information provided by the
8 applicant, shall determine and notify the applicant regarding:

9 (1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be
10 granted to the applicant under the institution of higher education's policy
11 adopted under this section; and

12 (2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would
13 satisfy under the policy.

14 (f) In consultation with the Department of Higher Education, the board
15 shall:

16 (1) Identify correlations between the subject matter and content
17 of courses offered by each institution of higher education and the subject
18 matter and content of courses and examinations in the International
19 Baccalaureate Diploma Program, the Advanced Placement Program, and the
20 College-Level Examination Program; and

21 (2) Make that information available to the public on the board's
22 website.

23 (g)(1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an institution
24 of higher education shall grant at least twenty-four (24) semester credit
25 hours or equivalent course credit in appropriate subject areas to an entering
26 freshman student for successful completion of the International Baccalaureate
27 Diploma Program.

28 (2) The institution of higher education may grant fewer than
29 twenty-four (24) semester credit hours to an entering freshman student:

30 (A) If the student received a score of less than four (4)
31 on an examination administered as part of the International Baccalaureate
32 Diploma Program; and

33 (B) Only with respect to a course that is substantially
34 related to the subject of an examination administered as part of the
35 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program on which the student received a
36 score of less than four (4).