

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2489

5 By: Representatives Hardwick, Harrelson
6 By: Senator Salmon
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

30 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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



1 (4) "Arkansas state institution of higher education" means a
2 public institution of higher education that offers freshman-level courses;
3 and

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

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

10 (1) Successfully completed the International Baccalaureate
11 Diploma Program;

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

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

17 (c) In the policy required under subsection (b) of this section, the
18 Arkansas state institution of higher education shall:

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

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

29 (A) Successfully completes the International Baccalaureate
30 Diploma Program;

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

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

1 (d) Each Arkansas state institution of higher education shall:

2 (1) Report to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 the Arkansas state institution of higher education's policy adopted under
4 this section; and

5 (2) Include a copy of the Arkansas state institution of higher
6 education's policy adopted under this section with the Arkansas state
7 institution's undergraduate student application materials, including
8 application materials available on the Arkansas state institution's Internet
9 website.

10 (e) On request of an applicant for admission as an entering freshman,
11 an Arkansas state institution of higher education, based on information
12 provided by the applicant, shall determine and notify the applicant
13 regarding:

14 (1) The amount and type of any course credit that would be
15 granted to the applicant under the Arkansas state institution of higher
16 education's policy adopted under this section; and

17 (2) Any other academic requirement that the applicant would
18 satisfy under the policy.

19 (f) In consultation with the Department of Higher Education, the board
20 shall:

21 (1) Identify correlations between the subject matter and content
22 of courses offered by each Arkansas state institution of higher education and
23 the subject matter and content of courses and examinations in the
24 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, the Advanced Placement Program,
25 and the College-Level Examination Program; and

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

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

33 (2) The Arkansas state institution of higher education may grant
34 fewer than twenty-four (24) semester credit hours to an entering freshman
35 student:

36 (A) If the student received a score of less than four (4)

1 on an examination administered as part of the International Baccalaureate
2 Diploma Program; and

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

7 (h) This section becomes effective beginning with the 2008-2009 school
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