

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) The Department of Higher Education shall facilitate a process by  
20 which each Arkansas state institution of higher education 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 website  
27 of each Arkansas state institution of higher education.

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

32 (h) This section becomes effective beginning with the 2008-2009 school  
33 year.

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35 /s/ Hardwick  
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