

ESB 5234 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that advanced
4 placement coursework prepares students for postsecondary success and
5 provides opportunities for them to earn college credit or secure
6 placement in advanced courses. The legislature further finds that
7 eighty-four thousand eight hundred sixty-six students took an AP exam
8 in Washington state in 2015. The legislature further finds that six
9 thousand six hundred sixty-seven of those students were
10 underrepresented minority students and nine thousand four hundred
11 seventy-one were low-income students. The legislature further finds
12 that of the students that took an AP exam in Washington state in
13 2015, fifty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-five scored a three,
14 four, or five.

15 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a policy for
16 granting as many undergraduate course credits as possible to students
17 who have earned a minimum score of three on their AP exams and
18 clearly communicate credit awarding policies and course equivalencies
19 to students. The goal of the policy is to award course credit in all
20 appropriate instances and maximize the number of college students
21 given college credit for AP exam scores of three or higher.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) The institutions of higher education must establish a
25 coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate
26 college credits to students who have earned minimum scores of three
27 on AP exams as possible and appropriate.

28 (2) Credit policy regarding all AP exams must be posted on campus
29 web sites effective for the 2017 fall academic term. The institutions
30 of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of their AP credit

1 policy and report noncompliance to the appropriate committees of the
2 legislature by November 1st each year beginning November 1, 2019."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes changes to align the Senate Bill with the House companion bill, which include changing the codification directions to place the new section in chapter 28B.10 RCW, changing the numerals to spelled out numbers, and adding in a "the."

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