

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1146

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.

Sponsors: Representatives Paul, Steele, Ramel, Taylor, Callan, Rude, Timmons, Chopp, Lekanoff, Duerr, Ramos, Shavers, Stonier, Pollet, Santos, Riccelli and Ormsby.

House Committee on Education

Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Background:

Dual Credit Programs.

Dual credit programs allow high school students to earn high school and postsecondary credit at the same time. Dual credit programs can be course-based or exam-based. Course-based dual credit programs can be offered at:

- an institution of higher education, for example, the Running Start (RS) program; or
- a high school, for example, college in the high school (CHS) courses and career and technical education dual credit courses.

Exam-based dual credit programs allow students to take an exam and apply to receive postsecondary credit with a score of 3 or better for Advanced Placement course exams, a score of 4 or better for International Baccalaureate course exams, and a score of E or better for Cambridge International course exams.

Notifications about Dual Credit Programs.

School districts are required to notify students and their parents or guardians about advanced courses or programs available to students, including dual credit courses or programs.

High schools that offer CHS programs must provide general information about the CHS program to all students in grades 8 through 12 and to their parents and guardians. In

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addition, specific information must be included in the high school catalog, for example, a description and breakdown of the fees charged to students who choose to enroll in a CHS course to earn both high school and college credit.

School districts must provide general information about the RS program to all students in grades 10 through 12 and to their parents and guardians, including information about the opportunity to enroll in the RS program through online courses available at institutions of higher education.

Summary:

Prior to course scheduling or course registration for the next school term, public schools that serve students in any of grades 9 through 12 must provide all students and their parents or guardians with information on each available dual credit program and any financial assistance available to reduce dual credit course and exam costs for students and their families. The information must be provided via email and other communication methods, and, to the extent feasible, must be translated into the primary language of each parent or guardian.

Public schools are encouraged to include in this notification other information about advanced course-taking that is required to be provided to parents and guardians.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| House | 96 | 0 |
| House | 97 | 0 |
| Senate | 46 | 0 |

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