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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires *[each public university and community college]* **public institutions of higher education** to provide credit *[in applicable subject area to students who receive certain grades]* **to each student who receives grade** on advanced placement examinations **indicating student is fully qualified to receive credit.**

Requires public institutions of higher education to award credit for grade of three, four or five received on advanced placement (AP) exam unless institution notifies Higher Education Coordinating Commission that institution considers grade of higher than three on identified exams to be necessary to receive credit.

Requires commission to convene committee upon notification by institution to make final determination, based on justification provided by institution, on whether institution may require score of higher than three on AP exam for student to receive academic credit. Requires committee to submit report to committees of Legislative Assembly relating to higher education if committee agrees with institution's justification.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to receiving credit for advanced placement performance.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Advanced placement program" means a nationwide program that offers college-level**
6 **curricula and examinations to high school students, such as the advanced placement (AP)**
7 **program.**

8 (b) **"Public institution of higher education" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
9 **350.350.**

10 (2) **An award of academic credit by a public institution of higher education under this**
11 **section must align with state statutes, rules, standards and requirements regarding the**
12 **transfer of academic credits to public institutions of higher education.**

13 (3)(a) **Each public institution of higher education shall award academic credit in each**
14 **instance in which an incoming student enrolled at the institution has:**

15 (A) **Taken the examination offered as part of an advanced placement program; and**

16 (B) **Received a grade indicating that the student is fully qualified to receive college credit**
17 **for the advanced placement program.**

18 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a student shall be considered to**
19 **have received a grade indicating that the student is fully qualified to receive academic credit**
20 **for the advanced placement program if the student has received a score of three, four or five**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 on an advanced placement (AP) exam.

2 (4)(a) A public institution of higher education may notify the Higher Education Coordinating Commission if the institution considers it necessary to require that, in order to receive academic credit, incoming enrolled students receive a score of higher than three on one or more advanced placement (AP) exams.

6 (b) Upon receiving notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission shall convene a committee to determine whether the institution may require a score of higher than three on the identified advanced placement (AP) exams in order for a student to receive academic credit. Subject to paragraph (d) of this subsection, the commission may use a currently existing committee or work group for the purpose of complying with this subsection.

12 (c) A committee convened under this subsection shall:

13 (A) Include representatives from the faculty and staff of public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges as defined in ORS 341.005; and

15 (B) Consult with a representative from the advanced placement (AP) program prior to issuing a final determination under paragraph (d) of this subsection.

17 (d) A committee convened under this subsection shall make a final determination on whether the public institution of higher education may require that a student receive a score of higher than three on the identified advanced placement (AP) exams in order to receive academic credit. The determination must be based on whether the institution has provided justification for each subject area in which a score of three on an advanced placement (AP) exam is not sufficient for a student to earn academic credit. The justification must include:

23 (A) A thorough analysis of placement validity findings detailing the academic performance of students at the public institution of higher education who have taken advanced placement (AP) exams, with disaggregated data on courses of study and exam scores; and

26 (B) Specific data on learning outcomes that have not been met by students who receive a three on the advanced placement (AP) exam.

28 (5) If a committee convened under subsection (4) of this section determines that a public institution of higher education may require that students receive a score of higher than three on an advanced placement (AP) exam in order to receive academic credit, the committee shall submit a report detailing the final determination, including the justification provided by the institution under subsection (4)(d) of this section, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly responsible for higher education. The report must be submitted no later than the final day of the first regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins after the committee has made the final determination.

36 (6) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may make rules to implement this section.

38 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act first applies to the 2019-2020 academic year.