
SENATE BILL 5917

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1 AN ACT Relating to a systemwide credit policy regarding
2 international baccalaureate exams; adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that international
6 baccalaureate coursework prepares students for postsecondary success
7 and provides opportunities for them to earn college credit or secure
8 placement in advanced courses.

9 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a policy for
10 granting as many undergraduate course credits as possible to students
11 who have earned credit on their international baccalaureate exams and
12 clearly communicate credit awarding policies and course equivalencies
13 to students. The goal of the policy is to award course credit in all
14 appropriate instances and maximize the number of college students
15 given college credit for international baccalaureate exam scores.

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

18 (1) The institutions of higher education must establish a
19 coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate

1 college credits as possible and practical to students who have
2 received a passing grade on international baccalaureate exams.

3 (2) Credit policy regarding all international baccalaureate exams
4 must be posted on campus web sites effective for the 2018 fall
5 academic term. The institutions of higher education must conduct
6 biennial reviews of their international baccalaureate credit policy
7 and report noncompliance to the appropriate committees of the
8 legislature by November 1st of each year, beginning November 1, 2020.

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