

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5234

65th Legislature
2017 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 13, 2017
Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 5, 2017
Yeas 71 Nays 26

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5234** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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State of Washington **65th Legislature** **2017 Regular Session**

By Senators Mullet, Palumbo, Rivers, Lias, Wilson, and Kuderer

Read first time 01/18/17. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that advanced
6 placement coursework prepares students for postsecondary success and
7 provides opportunities for them to earn college credit or secure
8 placement in advanced courses. The legislature further finds that
9 eighty-four thousand eight hundred sixty-six students took an AP exam
10 in Washington state in 2015. The legislature further finds that six
11 thousand six hundred sixty-seven of those students were
12 underrepresented minority students and nine thousand four hundred
13 seventy-one were low-income students. The legislature further finds
14 that of the students that took an AP exam in Washington state in
15 2015, fifty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-five scored a three,
16 four, or five.

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

1 appropriate instances and maximize the number of college students
2 given college credit for AP exam scores of three or higher.

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

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

9 (2) Credit policy regarding all AP exams must be posted on campus
10 web sites effective for the 2017 fall academic term. The institutions
11 of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of their AP credit
12 policy and report noncompliance to the appropriate committees of the
13 legislature by November 1st each year beginning November 1, 2019.

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