CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5234

Chapter 179, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature
2017 Regular Session

AP EXAMS--HIGHER EDUCATION CREDIT--INSTITUTION POLICIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

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

CYRUS HABIB
President of the Senate

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

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN
Secretary

FILED
May 4, 2017

JAY INSLEE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to a systemwide credit policy regarding AP exams; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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