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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  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 3, 4, or 5.

The legislature further finds that at an average rate of three hundred forty-two dollars and ninety cents per credit hour for tuition in four-year Washington public institutions of higher education, the total potential college cost savings for Washington students and families is fifty-three million two hundred fourteen thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars. The legislature further finds that a score of 3 or higher on an AP examination is equivalent to a grade of C+ or higher in the equivalent introductory college course. Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a statewide policy for granting undergraduate course credit to students who have earned a minimum score of 3 on their exams. The goal of the system is to award course credit in all appropriate instances and elective credit where there is no equivalent introductory course.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 28B.77 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The institutions of higher education must establish an evidence-based systemwide policy for granting undergraduate course credits to students who have earned minimum scores of 3 on AP exams.

(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 the systemwide AP credit policy and report noncompliance to appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1st each year beginning November 1, 2019."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "exams;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; and creating a new section."