

**SSB 5410 - S AMD 29**  
By Senator Mullet

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

8 The legislature feels strongly that students who have earned  
9 minimum scores of three on advanced placement exams, four on  
10 standard-level and higher-level international baccalaureate exams, or  
11 scores of E or higher on Cambridge assessment international education  
12 exams deserve to receive undergraduate college credit, including  
13 elective credit and, where appropriate, course equivalent credit, for  
14 their work.

15 The legislature finds it necessary to develop a systemwide credit  
16 policy that allows those students to easily understand in advance  
17 whether institutions of higher education will award them credit, as  
18 well as which type of credit students will receive and the rationale  
19 for the institution of higher education's determination.

20 The legislature further encourages institutions of higher  
21 education to establish a policy favoring the award of course  
22 equivalent credit for the successful completion of standardized and  
23 commonly required courses.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.054 and 2017 c 179 s 2 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The institutions of higher education must establish a  
27 coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate  
28 college credits, as possible and appropriate, to students who have  
29 earned minimum scores of three on ((AP)) advanced placement exams  
30 ((as possible and appropriate)), four on standard-level and higher-

1 level international baccalaureate exams, or scores of E or higher on  
2 Cambridge assessment international education exams.

3 (2) Each institution of higher education must create a process  
4 for retroactively awarding international baccalaureate exam  
5 undergraduate college credits under the terms of this section to  
6 students who first enrolled in the institution of higher education in  
7 the 2018-19 academic year.

8 (3) Credit (~~policy~~) policies regarding all ((AP)) advanced  
9 placement and international baccalaureate exams must be posted on  
10 campus web sites effective for the ((2017)) 2019 fall academic term.  
11 Credit policies regarding all Cambridge assessment international  
12 education exams must be posted on campus web sites effective for the  
13 2020 fall academic term. If an institution of higher education is  
14 unable to award a general education course equivalency, the student  
15 may request in writing an evidence-based reason as to why general  
16 education course equivalency cannot be granted. Institutions of  
17 higher education must maintain web sites regarding their advanced  
18 placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge assessment  
19 international education policies in a publicly accessible way. The  
20 institutions of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of  
21 their ((AP)) advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and  
22 Cambridge assessment international education credit (~~policy~~)  
23 policies and report noncompliance to the appropriate committees of  
24 the legislature by November 1st each ((year)) biennium beginning  
25 November 1, 2019.

26 (4) The institutions of higher education must provide an update  
27 to the joint legislative audit and review committee on their credit  
28 awarding policies by December 31, 2019.

29 (5) For the purposes of this section, "general education course  
30 equivalency" means credit that fulfills general education or major  
31 requirements and is not awarded as elective credit.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 28B.10.051 (International  
33 baccalaureate and Cambridge international exams credit policies) and  
34 2018 c 124 s 2 are each repealed."

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1       On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "a systemwide credit policy  
3 regarding advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and  
4 Cambridge international exams; amending RCW 28B.10.054; creating a  
5 new section; and repealing RCW 28B.10.051."

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