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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 international
4 baccalaureate and Cambridge international coursework prepares
5 students for postsecondary success and provides opportunities for
6 them to earn college credit or secure placement in advanced courses.

7 Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a policy for
8 granting as many undergraduate course credits as possible to students
9 who have earned a minimum score of four on standard-level
10 international baccalaureate and a minimum score of E on their
11 Cambridge international exams and clearly communicate credit awarding
12 policies and course equivalencies to students. The goal of the policy
13 is to award course credit in all appropriate instances and maximize
14 the number of college students given college credit for international
15 baccalaureate and Cambridge international 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
20 college credits as possible and practical to students who have earned
21 a minimum score of four on standard-level international baccalaureate
22 exams or earned a minimum score of E on Cambridge international
23 exams.

24 (2) Credit policy regarding all international baccalaureate and
25 Cambridge international exams must be posted on campus web sites
26 effective for the 2018 fall academic term. The institutions of higher
27 education must conduct biennial reviews of their international
28 baccalaureate and Cambridge international credit policy and report
29 noncompliance to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
30 November 1st of each year, beginning November 1, 2020."

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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 international baccalaureate and Cambridge international
4 exams; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new
5 section."

EFFECT: Requires institutions to award undergraduate college credits for a minimum score of 4 on standard-level IB exams and a minimum score of E on Cambridge International exams. Requires institutions to post credit policies for IB and Cambridge International programs on their web sites.

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