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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ACCEPT FOR CREDIT PASSING SCORES ON THE COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS; REQUIRING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO REPORT INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICIES TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. STATEWIDE ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY.--

A. Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year, public post-secondary educational institutions shall accept a score of 3 or higher on the advanced placement examination for post-secondary level course credit. Institutions that offer a corresponding course for a particular advanced placement examination as a part of their general education degree requirements shall accept a score of 3 or higher on the advanced placement examination for course credit as part of their general education degree requirements. If an institution does not offer a corresponding course for a particular advanced placement examination, the institution shall award, at a minimum, elective post-secondary level course credit for those students who receive a score of 3 or higher on that advanced placement examination.

B. Each public post-secondary educational

1 institution shall determine the score for each advanced
2 placement examination for the institution to grant credit for
3 a course. Each institution shall publish its updated
4 course-granting policy for advanced placement in accordance
5 with the requirements of this subsection on its website
6 before the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year.

7 C. The higher education department, in cooperation
8 with all public post-secondary educational institutions, shall
9 collect and report the course-granting policy for advanced
10 placement of each institution and the research used by each
11 institution to determine the level of credit and the number of
12 credits provided for the advanced placement examination scores
13 and file a report that includes findings and recommendations
14 to the legislature and the governor. Each institution shall
15 provide the department with all necessary data, in accordance
16 with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of
17 1974, to allow the department to conduct its analysis. _____