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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1985

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dodd, Gallagher, Lackey, and Steinorth)

February 16, 2016

An act to add Article 9 (commencing with Section 79500) to Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to Advanced Placement credit.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1985, as amended, Williams. ~~Postsecondary education.~~ *Advanced Placement credit.*

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Regents of the University of California, and the Trustees of the California State University, with appropriate consultation with the Academic Senates of the respective segments, to jointly develop, maintain, and disseminate a shared core curriculum in general education courses for the purposes of transfer.

This bill would require the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop, and each community college district to adopt, a uniform policy to award a pupil who passes an Advanced Placement ~~exam with a minimum score of 3~~ *examination* course credit for certain requirements in a ~~course~~, *course* with subject matter similar to that of the Advanced Placement ~~exam~~. *examination*. *The bill would require each community college campus to post the most recent policy*

on its Internet Web site. If a policy is not implemented for the entering class in the fall 2017 academic term, the bill would require the California Community Colleges to adopt and implement, commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, the Advanced Placement policy adopted by the California State University.

To the extent that this bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares ~~each~~ all of
2 the following:

3 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a uniform
4 Advanced Placement (AP) credit policy for general education
5 within the California Community Colleges. *It is the intent of the*
6 *Legislature that the Chancellor of the California Community*
7 *Colleges, in collaboration with the Academic Senate for the*
8 *California Community Colleges, consider, when adopting the*
9 *uniform policy, granting course credit to a pupil who passes an*
10 *Advanced Placement examination with a minimum score of three.*

11 (b) Studies consistently find that pupils who earn AP exam
12 scores of three and higher are likely to demonstrate multiple
13 measures of college success.

14 (c) The lack of a uniform AP credit policy often serves as an
15 academic and financial barrier for students enrolling in California
16 Community Colleges and is a transfer obstacle for many pupils.

17 SEC. 2. Article 9 (commencing with Section 79500) is added
18 to Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education
19 Code, to read:

1 Article 9. Advanced Placement Credit

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3 79500. (a) The office of the Chancellor of the California
4 Community Colleges shall, in collaboration with the Academic
5 Senate for California Community Colleges, ~~develop~~, *do both of*
6 *the following:*

7 (1) *Develop*, and each community college district shall ~~adopt~~,
8 *adopt and implement, commencing with the entering class in the*
9 *fall 2016 academic term*, a uniform policy to award a pupil who
10 passes an Advanced Placement ~~exam with a minimum score of~~
11 ~~three~~ *examination* course credit for California Intersegmental
12 General Education Transfer Curriculum, California State University
13 General Education Breadth, or local community college general
14 education requirements, as appropriate for the pupil's needs, in a
15 course with subject matter similar to that of the Advanced
16 Placement ~~exam~~. *examination.*

17 (2) *Periodically review and adjust the policy adopted pursuant*
18 *to subdivision (a) to align it with policies of other public*
19 *postsecondary educational institutions.*

20 (b) *If the policy to be adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) is not*
21 *implemented for the entering class in the fall 2017 academic term,*
22 *the California Community Colleges shall adopt and implement,*
23 *commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, the Advanced*
24 *Placement policy adopted by the California State University.*

25 (c) *Each community college campus shall post on its Internet*
26 *Web site the most recent policy adopted pursuant to this section.*

27 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
28 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
29 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
30 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
31 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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