

HOUSE No. 2994

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to advanced placement examinations.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul Brodeur</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | |

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2994) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to advanced placement examination for post-secondary level course credits. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to advanced placement examinations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 39 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 39A. Advanced Placement Examination; post-secondary level course credit.

4 (b) Not later than September 1, 2017, a score of three, four, and five on the College
5 Board advanced placement examinations shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree
6 requirements by all public institutions of higher education, as defined by section 5 of chapter
7 15A of the General Laws. The department of higher education shall determine, for each
8 examination, whether the credit will be granted for electives, general education requirements, or
9 major requirements; provided however, that credit awarded shall be transferable to another
10 institution of higher education and shall be counted toward the requirements for completing a
11 degree; and provided further that no cap shall be placed on the amount of credits earned by a
12 student per the provisions of this section.

13 (c) Not later than September 1, 2017, the board of higher education and each public
14 institution of higher education shall clearly publish its advanced placement examination grade
15 granting policy in accordance with the requirements of this section on the department and each
16 school's website.

17 (d) Annually, by July 1, the board of higher education, in cooperation with the university
18 of Massachusetts board of trustees, shall review the advanced placement examination score
19 course granting policy of each institution of higher education in accordance with the
20 requirements of this section and file a report that includes findings and recommendations with
21 the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and the senate and house chairs of the
22 joint committee on higher education. Each institution of higher education shall provide the board
23 of higher education and the university of Massachusetts board of trustees with all necessary data,
24 in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to conduct
25 the analysis.

26 SECTION 2. The first annual report shall be submitted pursuant to subsection (d) of
27 section 39A of chapter 15A of the General Laws not later than July 1, 2019.