

HOUSE No. 1206

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 advance placement examinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1206) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to advance placement examinations and post-secondary level course credit. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to advance 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 39 the following section:-

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

4 (a) A score of three, four, and five on the College Board advanced placement
5 examinations shall be accepted for credit to satisfy degree requirements by all public institutions
6 of higher education, as defined by section 5 of chapter 15A of the General Laws. The department
7 of higher education shall determine, for each examination, whether the credit will be granted for
8 electives, general education requirements, or major requirements; provided however, that credit
9 awarded shall be transferable to another institution of higher education and shall be counted
10 toward the requirements for completing a degree; and provided further that no cap shall be
11 placed on the amount of credits earned by a student per the provisions of this section.

12 (b) All policies and procedures governing the award of credit shall be posted on the
13 institution's website under the category of admission which the institution shall update as
14 necessary to reflect any changes in policies and procedures. In addition, each institution shall
15 submit its policies and procedures, or any changes thereto, to the department of higher education
16 who shall post each institution's policies and procedures, or changes thereto, on the department's
17 website.

18 (c) The board of higher education, in cooperation with the university of Massachusetts
19 board of trustees, shall annually review the advanced placement examination score course
20 granting policy of each institution of higher education in accordance with the requirements of
21 this section and report its findings and recommendations with the clerks of the senate and the
22 house of representatives and the chairs of the joint committee on higher education not later than
23 July 1. Each institution of higher education shall provide the board of higher education and the
24 University of Massachusetts board of trustees with all necessary data, in accordance with the
25 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to conduct the analysis.

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

28 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect no later than 3 months after the effective date of
29 this act.