

HOUSE No. 4423

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 20, 2020.

The committee on Higher Education to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1206) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to advance placement examinations and post-secondary level course credit, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4423) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

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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, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 39 the following section:-

3 Section 39A. (a) All public institutions of higher education, as set forth in section 5, shall
4 develop written procedures for accepting certain scores on the College Board’s advanced
5 placement examinations for credit to satisfy degree requirements. The policies shall indicate
6 whether credit will be granted for general education, major, or elective requirements at the
7 institution, and shall include procedures related to the transferability of these credits to another
8 institution of higher education.

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

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

23 SECTION 2. The first annual report required by subsection (c) of section 39A of chapter
24 15A of the General Laws shall be published not later than July 1, 2021.

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