

SENATE No. 762

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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:	
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/15/2019
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/29/2019
Adam G. Hinds	Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden	1/30/2019
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	1/30/2019
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	1/31/2019
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex	1/31/2019
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk	2/1/2019
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/1/2019
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	3/6/2019

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 762) of Michael O. Moore, James B. Eldridge, Brian W. Murray, Adam G. Hinds and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to advance placement examinations. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2275 OF 2017-2018.]

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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.