

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1338**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard M. Haggerty***

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*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.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1338) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to advanced placement examination for post-secondary level course credits. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2994 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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, 2023.