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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1432

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Judith A. Garcia

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 and college credit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Judith A. Garcia	*11th Suffolk*	*1/17/2025*
Rob Consalvo	*14th Suffolk*	*3/24/2025*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*3/24/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*3/24/2025*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*3/24/2025*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*4/1/2025*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*4/3/2025*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*	*5/21/2025*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*5/21/2025*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*5/21/2025*
Sean Reid	*11th Essex*	*5/21/2025*

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By Representative Garcia of Chelsea, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1432) of Judith A. Garcia relative to advanced placement examinations and college credit. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4265* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to advanced placement examinations and college credit.

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

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

Section 39A. (a) All public institutions of higher education, as set forth in section 5, shall develop and adopt written policies and procedures to accept a score of three, four, and five on all advanced placement examinations to satisfy degree requirements. The policies shall indicate whether the credit shall be granted for general education, major, or elective requirements at the institution, and shall include procedures related to the transferability of these credits to another institution of higher education. An institution may not require an exam score of more than three unless the chief academic officer provides evidence that the higher score is necessary for a student to be successful in a related or more advanced course for which the lower-division course

11 is a prerequisite. The department of higher education shall provide guidance on what constitutes
12 as evidence for an institution to require an examination score of more than three.

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

19 (c) The board of higher education, and in the case of the University of Massachusetts, in
20 cooperation with the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts, shall annually review
21 the advanced placement examination score course granting policies of each institution of higher
22 education and any evidence supporting policies requiring scores above 3 in accordance with the
23 requirements of this section, and report its findings, evidence supporting policies requiring scores
24 above 3, and any recommendations with the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives,
25 and the chairs of the joint committee on higher education not later than July 1. Each institution of
26 higher education shall provide the board of higher education, and in the case of the University of
27 Massachusetts, its board of trustees, with all necessary data, in accordance with the federal
28 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to conduct the analysis.

29 (d) All policies and procedures governing the award of credit shall be posted in an easily
30 accessible location on the institution's website. The institution shall update the website as
31 necessary to reflect any changes in policies and procedures. Each institution shall submit its

32 policies and procedures, and any changes, to the department which shall post a summary of each
33 institution's policies and procedures on the department's website.

34 SECTION 2. The first annual report required by subsection (c) of section 39A of chapter
35 15A of the General Laws shall be published not later than July 1, 2025.

36 SECTION 3. The department shall determine when section 1 shall take effect, but it shall
37 be no later than one year after enactment.