

**SENATE . . . . . No. 944**

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**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 advanced placement examinations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>5/22/2025</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>5/22/2025</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 944) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to advance placement examinations to satisfy degree requirements. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 838 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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           SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 39 the following section:-

3           Section 39A. (a) All public institutions of higher education, as set forth in section 5, shall  
4 develop and adopt written policies and procedures to accept a score of three, four, and five on all  
5 advanced placement examinations to satisfy degree requirements. The policies shall indicate  
6 whether the credit shall 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. An institution may not require an exam score of more than three  
9 unless the chief academic officer provides evidence that the higher score is necessary for a  
10 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.