

**Joint Committee on Higher Education Bill
Summary**

<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	S.944
<u>TITLE</u>	An Act relative to advanced placement examinations
<u>SPONSORS</u>	Senator Moore
<u>SIMILAR MATTERS</u>	H.1432, H.1435
<u>PRIOR HISTORY</u>	S.704/H.2994 of the 2017/2018 Legislative Session was given a favorable report with a redraft by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see S.2275); S.2275 was sent to Senate Ways and Means; no further action. S.762 of the 2019/2020 legislative session was redrafted by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see S.2738). S.2738 was sent to Senate Ways and Means; no further action. H.1206 of the 2019/2020 Legislative Session was redrafted by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see. H. 4423); H.4423 was sent to House Ways and Means; no further action. S.849 of the 2021/2022 legislative session was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Higher Education and was reported to Senate Ways and Means; no further action. H.1338 of the 2021/2022 legislative session was redrafted and reported out of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, reported to House Ways and Means, no further action. S.838/H.1264 of the 2023/2024 Legislative Session were given a favorable report with a redraft by the Joint Committee on Higher Education (see H.4265); H.4265 was sent to House Ways and Means; no further action.

SUMMARY

This legislation requires all public institutions of higher education to develop and adopt written policies and procedures to accept a score of 3, 4, and 5 on all advanced placement (AP) examinations to satisfy degree requirements and make these policies transparent on university and college websites. Requiring a score higher than three for credit must be justified with evidence as regulated by the Department of higher Education. Institutions must post and update their policies on their websites. Institutions must send these policies to DHE; DHE shall post all institution policies on their website.

SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1:

(a) Requires all public higher education institutions to develop policies for accepting advanced placement (AP) exam scores of three, four, and five as credit completion for general education, major, or elective requirements. The policies must include the procedures related to transferring credits to other institutions. Any institutions that choose to require a score higher than three to grant credits must justify this practice with evidence, following guidance provided by the Department of Higher Education (DHE).

(b) Requires institutions to post their AP credit policies on their website and to submit their policies and procedures to DHE, who shall post each institution's policies and procedures on the department's website.

(c) The Board of Higher Education shall annually review each institution's AP course granting policies and submit an annual report with recommendations to the legislature.

(d) Requires all institutions to post their course granting policies in an accessible place on their website and to notify the department of any changes to their policies.

Section 2: The first annual report required by Section 1 (c) shall be published not later than July 1, 2025.

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