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**SENATE BILL 5410**

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**By** Senators Mullet, Rivers, Palumbo, Lias, and Wilson, C.

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1 AN ACT Relating to a systemwide credit policy regarding advanced  
2 placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge international  
3 exams; amending RCW 28B.10.051 and 28B.10.054; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 28B.77 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The council must establish an evidence-based systemwide  
9 policy for granting undergraduate course credits to students who have  
10 earned a minimum score of three on an advanced placement exam, four  
11 on a standard-level or higher-level international baccalaureate exam,  
12 or E on a Cambridge international exam.

13 (2) By November 1, 2020, and each November 1st thereafter, the  
14 council must conduct a biannual review of the systemwide credit  
15 policies and report noncompliance to the appropriate committees of  
16 the legislature.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.051 and 2018 c 124 s 2 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 ~~((1) The institutions of higher education must establish~~  
20 ~~coordinated evidence-based policies for granting as many~~

1 ~~undergraduate college credits as possible and appropriate for general~~  
2 ~~education requirements or the equivalent to students who have~~  
3 ~~successfully completed international baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge~~  
4 ~~international courses and demonstrated mastery of college-level~~  
5 ~~curriculum, as shown by the students' examination scores or grades~~  
6 ~~for those programs. The institutions shall take into account the~~  
7 ~~evidence for student success and the relevance of the IB or Cambridge~~  
8 ~~international curriculum and test scores or grades in consideration~~  
9 ~~of granting college credit or waiving course requirements, with~~  
10 ~~appropriate consideration of the institutions' degree distribution~~  
11 ~~requirements or curriculum for specific degree programs. Policies may~~  
12 ~~consider, for example:~~

13 ~~(a) Whether a four on a standard-level or higher-level IB~~  
14 ~~examination and whether a grade of E on a Cambridge international~~  
15 ~~examination indicates that the student has mastered college-level~~  
16 ~~coursework for which undergraduate college credits may be granted;~~  
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~(b) What test score or grade for specific subjects indicates if~~  
19 ~~graduation distribution requirements or prerequisite courses may be~~  
20 ~~waived, while preserving the integrity of the institutions' faculty~~  
21 ~~process for determining degree and major curriculum requirements.~~

22 ~~(2)) The credit policies regarding ((IB)) international~~  
23 ~~baccalaureate and Cambridge international examinations must be posted~~  
24 ~~on campus web sites effective for the fall 2018 academic term. ((The~~  
25 ~~institutions of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of~~  
26 ~~their IB and Cambridge international credit policies and report~~  
27 ~~noncompliance to the appropriate committees of the legislature by~~  
28 ~~November 1st of each year, beginning November 1, 2020.))~~

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.054 and 2017 c 179 s 2 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 ~~((1) The institutions of higher education must establish a~~  
32 ~~coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate~~  
33 ~~college credits to students who have earned minimum scores of three~~  
34 ~~on AP exams as possible and appropriate.~~

35 ~~(2)) Credit policy regarding all AP exams must be posted on~~  
36 ~~campus web sites effective for the 2017 fall academic term. ((The~~  
37 ~~institutions of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of~~  
38 ~~their AP credit policy and report noncompliance to the appropriate~~

1 ~~committees of the legislature by November 1st each year beginning~~  
2 ~~November 1, 2019.)~~)

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