

## House Resolution 317

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the need for the University System of Georgia and the Technical College  
2 System of Georgia to establish a consistent College Course Credit Policy that guarantees  
3 college credit for scores of three, four, and five earned on Advanced Placement exams and  
4 scores of 50 and higher on College Level Examination Program exams; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's students who score a three or higher on Advanced Placement (AP)  
7 exams or a 50 or higher on College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams are more  
8 likely to graduate from college on time and not duplicate coursework or credit hours; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia's students and the state have the potential to save on tuition costs and  
10 reduce student debt through consistent college credit granting; and

11 WHEREAS, a consistent credit policy would create seamless course articulation, improve  
12 course portability, and increase degree completion rates; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2019, Georgia high school students took a total of 108,098 AP exams that  
14 resulted in scores of three or higher; and

15 WHEREAS, if at least three college credits are earned for each AP exam score of three or  
16 higher, Georgia students would earn 324,294 college credits, saving the students and families  
17 about \$94.3 million in college costs at Georgia public four-year and two-year colleges and  
18 universities in 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, a total of 644 military service members and 351 high school students earned a  
20 50 or better on CLEP exams in 2019; and

21 WHEREAS, if at least three college credits were earned for each CLEP score of 50 or better,  
22 examinees would earn 2,985 college credits, which totals about \$868,000 in college costs at  
23 public four-year and two-year colleges and universities in 2019; and

24 WHEREAS, the inconsistent granting of comparable course credit for AP and CLEP across  
25 Georgia public institutions of higher education serves as an artificial barrier to timely degree  
26 completion; and

27 WHEREAS, the conditions necessary for each Georgia public institution of higher education  
28 to grant course credit, including the minimum required scores on such exams and tests, can  
29 differ at each public institution; and

30 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to Georgia and its students and families for the Board of  
31 Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College  
32 System of Georgia, in consultation with the governing board of each public institution of  
33 higher education, to establish a policy for granting undergraduate course credit to entering  
34 students who have taken one or more exams through the Advanced Placement and College  
35 Level Examination programs.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body recognize the need for the University System of Georgia and the  
38 Technical College System of Georgia to establish a consistent College Course Credit Policy  
39 that guarantees college credit for scores of three, four, and five earned on Advanced  
40 Placement exams and scores of 50 and higher on College Level Examination Program exams.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
43 public and the press.