

HOUSE BILL 966

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By: **Delegate Solomon**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Academic Credit for Prior Learning Examinations – Policies**
3 **and Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public institution of higher education, on or before a
5 certain date, to develop and implement policies and procedures for awarding
6 academic credit for prior learning examinations; requiring each public institution of
7 higher education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to post certain
8 policies and procedures on their websites; and generally relating to awarding credit
9 for prior learning examinations at public institutions of higher education.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 15–134

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–134.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PRIOR LEARNING EXAMINATION” INCLUDES**
20 **ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS, INTERNATIONAL**
21 **BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS, CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED**
22 **INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION DIPLOMA PROGRAM**
23 **EXAMINATIONS, AND COLLEGE–LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS.**

24 **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
2 FOR AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING EXAMINATIONS.

3 (2) THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH
4 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

5 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS
6 SUBSECTION, ACCEPT FOR AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT:

7 1. A MINIMUM SCORE OF 3 ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT
8 EXAMINATIONS; AND

9 2. A MINIMUM SCORE OF 50 ON COLLEGE-LEVEL
10 EXAMINATION PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS;

11 (II) DETERMINE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED SCORE FOR
12 AWARDING ACADEMIC CREDIT ON THE CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL
13 CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION DIPLOMA PROGRAM EXAMINATION AND THE
14 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM EXAMINATION THAT IS
15 COMPARABLE TO THE MINIMUM SCORES UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

16 (III) INDICATE THE MANNER IN WHICH ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR
17 PRIOR LEARNING EXAMINATIONS WILL BE AWARDED FOR GENERAL EDUCATION
18 REQUIREMENTS, MAJOR REQUIREMENTS, AND ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS; AND

19 (IV) INCLUDE PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF
20 ACADEMIC CREDITS AWARDED FROM PRIOR LEARNING EXAMINATIONS TO ANOTHER
21 PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

22 (3) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
23 MAY REQUIRE A HIGHER SCORE ON A PRIOR LEARNING EXAMINATION THAN LISTED
24 IN PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER OF
25 THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDES EVIDENCE TO THE
26 COMMISSION THAT THE HIGHER SCORE IS NECESSARY FOR A STUDENT TO BE
27 SUCCESSFUL IN A PARTICULAR COURSE.

28 (C) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL:

29 (I) PUBLICLY POST THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
30 REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF
31 HIGHER EDUCATION'S WEBSITE UNDER THE "ADMISSIONS" CATEGORY; AND

32 (II) SUBMIT THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO THE

1 COMMISSION.

2 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL POST EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF
3 HIGHER EDUCATION'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON THE COMMISSION'S
4 WEBSITE.

5 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION
6 OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND, IN ACCORDANCE
7 WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
8 ON THE FOLLOWING METRICS RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
9 ACADEMIC YEAR:

10 (1) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS AWARDED ACADEMIC CREDIT
11 FOR PRIOR LEARNING;

12 (2) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACADEMIC CREDITS AWARDED TO
13 STUDENTS FOR PRIOR LEARNING;

14 (3) THE NUMBER OF ACADEMIC CREDITS AWARDED TO
15 MATRICULATING STUDENTS FOR PRIOR LEARNING AND, OF THOSE CREDITS:

16 (I) THE NUMBER OF CREDITS APPLIED TOWARD MAJOR
17 REQUIREMENTS; AND

18 (II) THE NUMBER OF CREDITS APPLIED TOWARD ELECTIVE
19 REQUIREMENTS; AND

20 (4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE COMMISSION OR THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY REQUESTS.

22 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
23 SECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2022.