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HOUSE BILL 420

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; REQUIRING PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ACCEPT FOR CREDIT PASSING SCORES ON  
THE COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS; REQUIRING  
THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO REPORT INSTITUTIONAL  
ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICIES TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE  
GOVERNOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] STATEWIDE ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
POLICY.--

A. Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year,  
public post-secondary educational institutions shall accept a  
score of three or higher on the advanced placement examination  
for post-secondary level course credit. Institutions that  
offer a corresponding course for a particular advanced

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1 placement examination as a part of their general education  
2 degree requirements shall accept a score of three or higher on  
3 the advanced placement examination for course credit as part of  
4 their general education degree requirements. If an institution  
5 does not offer a corresponding course for a particular advanced  
6 placement examination, the institution shall award, at a  
7 minimum, elective post-secondary level course credit for those  
8 students who receive a score of three or higher on that  
9 advanced placement examination.

10 B. An institution shall not require an examination  
11 score of more than three unless the chief academic officer  
12 provides evidence-based research to the higher education  
13 department that the higher score is necessary for a student to  
14 be successful in a related or more advanced course for which  
15 the lower-division course is a prerequisite. Each institution  
16 shall publish its updated course-granting policy for advanced  
17 placement in accordance with the requirements of this  
18 subsection on its website before the beginning of the 2019-2020  
19 academic year.

20 C. The higher education department, in cooperation  
21 with all public post-secondary educational institutions, shall  
22 collect and report the course-granting policy for advanced  
23 placement of each institution and the research used by each  
24 institution to determine the level of credit and the number of  
25 credits provided for the advanced placement examination scores

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1 and file a report that includes findings and recommendations to  
2 the legislature and the governor. Each institution shall  
3 provide the department with all necessary data, in accordance  
4 with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of  
5 1974, to allow the department to conduct its analysis.

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