

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR NEVERS

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Board of Regents to develop a uniform policy regarding the acceptance of college credit hours earned through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the postsecondary education
3 management boards, to develop a uniform policy regarding the acceptance of college
4 credit earned by students through Advanced Placement and International
5 Baccalaureate examinations.

6 WHEREAS, Act 356 of the 2009 Regular Session established the Statewide
7 Articulation and Transfer Council to coordinate, oversee, and monitor the seamless
8 articulation and transfer of credit between and among public secondary and postsecondary
9 educational institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3163(B)(6) directs the Statewide Articulation and Transfer
11 Council to provide for acceptance by postsecondary educational institutions of credits earned
12 in accelerated programs including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
13 programs; and

14 WHEREAS, students earning college credit for Advanced Placement courses are
15 more likely to qualify for scholarships and complete their baccalaureate degree in four years;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, National Student Clearinghouse data indicate that students who
18 complete an International Baccalaureate Diploma are thirty-eight percent more likely to

1 graduate from college; and

2 WHEREAS, students who earn college credit through passage of Advanced
3 Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations are more likely to experience
4 success in college and earn a degree; and

5 WHEREAS, currently there is no uniform policy governing the acceptance of college
6 credit earned through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, development of a uniform policy clearly establishing the required score
9 on such examinations necessary for the awarding and acceptance of college credit by all
10 public postsecondary educational institutions would motivate students to take more rigorous
11 high school courses, and thus be better prepared for college-level work; and

12 WHEREAS, implementation of a uniform policy governing the acceptance of college
13 credit earned through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations
14 would ensure fairness and consistency for students and promote the seamless transfer of
15 postsecondary credit as required by law.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the postsecondary education
18 management boards, to develop a uniform policy regarding the acceptance of college credit
19 earned by students through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
20 examinations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 chairman of the Board of Regents and the commissioner of higher education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

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