

SENATE No. 2275

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, February 1, 2018

The committee on Higher Education to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 703) of Michael O. Moore and Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation relative to advanced placement examinations; and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2994) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to advanced placement examination for post-secondary level course credits, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2275).

For the committee,
Michael O. Moore

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An Act relative to advance placement examinations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 45. All public institutions of higher education, as set forth in section 5, shall
4 develop and adopt written policies and procedures to accept a score of three, four, and five on all
5 advanced placement examinations to satisfy degree requirements and whether the credit shall be
6 granted for general education, major, or elective requirements at the institution. An institution
7 may not require an exam score of more than three unless the chief academic officer determines
8 that a higher score is necessary for a student to be successful in a related or more advanced
9 course for which the lower-division course is a prerequisite. All policies and procedures
10 governing the award of credit shall be posted on the institution's website under the category of
11 admission which the institution shall update as necessary to reflect any changes in policies and
12 procedures. In addition, each institution shall submit its policies and procedures, or any changes

13 thereto, to the department of higher education who shall post each institution's policies and
14 procedures, or changes thereto, on the department's website.

15 SECTION 2. All public institutions of higher education shall adopt, post on their website,
16 and submit to the department of higher education, their policies and procedures governing the
17 evaluation and award of credit at their institution for students who have taken advanced
18 placement examinations as required in section 1 of this act, no later than 3 months after the
19 effective date of this act.