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17 Referred to Committee on

18 Date:

19 Subject: Education; courses of study; accelerated learning opportunities;
20 postsecondary institutions

1 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that Vermont
2 postsecondary institutions receiving appropriations from the state adopt
3 policies granting postsecondary academic credit to all enrolled students who
4 have successfully completed: a course through a dual enrollment program; an
5 advanced placement course at a Vermont secondary school and received a
6 score of 3, 4, or 5 on the examination; or an online or correspondence course
7 through an accredited college or university. Postsecondary institutions,
8 however, shall have flexibility in awarding credit if the course is a required
9 course in the student's declared major field of concentration. This bill also
10 allows postsecondary institutions to grant academic credit for relevant life
11 experience.

12 An act relating to granting postsecondary credit for successful completion
13 of dual enrollment courses, advanced placement courses, and postsecondary
14 courses completed through an online or correspondence course offered by
15 an accredited postsecondary institution

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 16 is added to read:

2 § 16. ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES; DUAL ENROLLMENT

3 AND OTHER POSTSECONDARY COURSES; POSTSECONDARY

4 CREDIT

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each Vermont
6 postsecondary institution that receives general fund or capital appropriations
7 from the state shall adopt and implement one or more policies by which the
8 institution grants postsecondary academic credit to an enrolled student for the
9 successful completion of:

10 (1) A postsecondary-level course in a dual enrollment program.

11 (2) An advanced placement course at a Vermont secondary school and a
12 score of 3, 4, or 5 on the advanced placement examination.

13 (3) A postsecondary-level course offered online or by correspondence
14 with an accredited college or university.

15 (b) If a course for which academic credit shall be awarded under
16 subsection (a) of this section is a required course within the student's declared
17 major field of concentration at the postsecondary institution, the institution
18 may choose instead to adopt a policy:

19 (1) To award no academic credit for the completed course and require
20 the student to enroll in the required course; or

1 (2) To award no academic credit for the completed course, exempt the
2 student from enrolling in the required course, and permit the student to enroll
3 in a more advanced course in the same subject area; or

4 (3) To award academic credit for the completed course but require the
5 student to enroll in the required course.

6 (c) If a student who has received credit pursuant to subsection (a) of this
7 section for a course that is not a required course within the student's declared
8 major field of concentration (the "credited course") subsequently declares his
9 or her major field of concentration to be one in which the credited course is
10 required, then:

11 (1) If the student has successfully completed one or more courses of an
12 equal or more advanced level of that discipline and required by the new major
13 field of concentration, then the earlier decision to award credit for the credited
14 course cannot be reversed.

15 (2) If the student has not successfully completed one or more courses as
16 set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the institution shall follow
17 the policy it adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

18 (d) A postsecondary institution may, at its discretion, award academic
19 credit for relevant life experience.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 Policies required under this act shall take effect beginning in the 2012–2013

3 academic year.