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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-9.2:3.8 of the Code of Virginia, relating to advanced placement tests; course credit.*

Patron—Englin

Referred to Committee on Education

### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 23-9.2:3.8 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-9.2:3.8. Course credit; International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Cambridge Advanced examinations.

A. The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall implement policies to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students who have successfully taken one or more International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) examinations. The policies shall:

1. Outline the conditions necessary for the institution to grant course credit, including the minimum required scores on examinations for courses in the International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) programs. Require the granting of such course credit to any student who earns a three or higher on an Advanced Placement examination or a comparable score for courses in the International Baccalaureate or Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) programs, provided that the policies may require a score of four or higher to apply such course credit toward curriculum degree requirements rather than electives courses; and

2. Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution that the student satisfies by successfully completing the International Baccalaureate diploma program.

B. Each public institution of higher education's policies for course credit for standard and higher level International Baccalaureate or Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) examinations shall be comparable to its policies for granting course credit for Advanced Placement examinations.

C. The governing boards of each public institution of higher education shall report to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia the policies adopted and implemented pursuant to this section, and shall make the policies available to the public on the institution's website.

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