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To direct the Secretary of Education to collect and report information on the treatment of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate course credits at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SUBRAMANYAM (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WALKINSHAW, and Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Creating Opportunities
5 to Use Received Student Exam Credit Act” or the
6 “COURSE Credit Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING BY DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF EDUCATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education shall
4 collect and annually report on the College Scorecard
5 website (or any successor website) information regarding
6 the treatment of Advanced Placement and International
7 Baccalaureate course credits by institutions of higher edu-
8 cation.

9 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
10 the Secretary of Education shall coordinate with relevant
11 stakeholders within and outside the Department of Edu-
12 cation, including the technical review panel of the Inte-
13 grated Postsecondary Education Data System.

14 (c) ELEMENTS.—The information reported under
15 subsection (a) shall include, with respect to each institu-
16 tion of higher education, the following:

17 (1) An explanation of whether the institution
18 provides credits toward a student's degree for Ad-
19 vanced Placement or International Baccalaureate
20 exam scores.

21 (2) If the institution does provide such credits,
22 identification of—

23 (A) the total maximum number of such
24 credits that may be provided to an individual
25 student for a given program of study;

(B) the minimum score a student must earn on an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam for the institution to provide the credits and, if applicable, whether such minimum score differs based on the subject matter of the exam or the student's program of study; and

(C) the type of credit provided by the institution for a given exam score, whether it be full course credit, elective credit, or a course exemption, and an explanation of whether the type of credit provided or the score required to receive such credit differs based on the degree program of the student.

(3) Any other information with respect to an institution's policy on the treatment of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate course credits that the Secretary of Education considers relevant.

SEC. 3. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BY INSTITUTIONS.

Section 485(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (U), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (V), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(W) institutional policies regarding the
7 treatment of Advanced Placement and Inter-
8 national Baccalaureate course credits, including
9 all information required to be published under
10 subsection (n).”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(n) INFORMATION ON TREATMENT OF AP AND IB
13 COURSE CREDITS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each institution of higher
15 education participating in any program under this
16 title shall publish, in a prominent location on the
17 public website of the institution, information regard-
18 ing the treatment of Advanced Placement and Inter-
19 national Baccalaureate course credits by the institu-
20 tion. Such information shall include—

21 “(A) an explanation of whether the institu-
22 tion provides credits toward a student’s degree
23 for Advanced Placement or International Bac-
24 calaureate exam scores;

1 “(B) if the institution does provide such
2 credits, identification of—

3 “(i) the total maximum number of
4 such credits that may be provided to an in-
5 dividual student for a given program of
6 study;

7 “(ii) the minimum score a student
8 must earn on an Advanced Placement or
9 International Baccalaureate exam for the
10 institution to provide the credits and, if ap-
11 plicable, whether such minimum score dif-
12 fers based on the subject matter of the
13 exam or the student’s program of study;
14 and

15 “(iii) the type of credit provided by
16 the institution for a given exam score,
17 whether it be full course credit, elective
18 credit, or a course exemption, and an ex-
19 planation of whether the type of credit pro-
20 vided or the score required to receive such
21 credit differs based on the degree program
22 of the student; and

23 “(C) any other information with respect to
24 the institution’s policy on the treatment of Ad-
25 vanced Placement and International Bacca-

1 laureate course credits that the institution con-
2 siders relevant.

3 “(2) UPDATES.—The information required to
4 be published under paragraph (1) shall be updated
5 by the institution, as necessary, to ensure it remains
6 accurate and current.”.

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