

**CHAPTER 97****(SB 74)**

AN ACT relating to college preparatory educational programs.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*As used in KRS Chapter 158 unless the context requires otherwise:*

- (1) *"Advanced placement" means a college-level course for the College Board Advanced Placement examination that incorporates all topics and instructional strategies specified by the College Board on its standard syllabus for a given subject area.*
- (2) *"Board" means the Kentucky Board of Education.*
- (3) *"College Board Advanced Placement examination" means the advanced placement test administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.*
- (4) *"College Board" means the College Entrance Examination Board, a national nonprofit association that provides college admission guidance and advanced placement examinations.*
- (5) *"Core curriculum" means at least one (1) course in at least four (4) of the six (6) following subject areas: English, science, mathematics, social studies, foreign language, and the arts.*
- (6) *"Department" means the Kentucky Department of Education.*
- (7) *"Dual credit" means a college-level course of study developed in accordance with Section 5 of this Act in which a high school student receives credit from both the high school and postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled upon completion of a single class or designated program of study.*
- (8) *"Dual enrollment" means a college-level course of study developed in accordance with Section 5 of this Act in which a student is enrolled in a high school and postsecondary institution simultaneously.*
- (9) *"International Baccalaureate" means the International Baccalaureate Organization's Diploma Programme, a comprehensive two (2) year program designed for highly motivated students.*
- (10) *"Kentucky Virtual High School" means secondary-level instructional programs or courses offered by the Kentucky Department of Education through the Internet and other on-line, computer-based methods.*
- (11) *"Kentucky Virtual University" means a college-level instructional program offered by the Council on Postsecondary Education through the Internet or other on-line, computer-based methods.*

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *By December 31, 2002, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the criteria a school shall meet in order to designate a course an*

*advanced placement course, including content and program standards concerning student admission criteria, data collection, and reporting.*

- (2) *Upon receipt of adequate federal funding for these purposes, by December 31, 2002, the Department of Education shall:*
  - (a) *Expand advanced placement teacher training institutes, including offering advanced placement teacher training instruction and assistance through the Kentucky Virtual High School or in conjunction with the Council on Postsecondary Education through the Kentucky Virtual University;*
  - (b) *Require teachers who are planning to participate in advanced placement teacher training and complete advanced placement training at advanced placement institutes facilitated by the department to sign an agreement to teach at least one (1) advanced placement course in a Kentucky public school or the Kentucky Virtual High School when assigned by the school principal;*
  - (c) *Develop the Kentucky Virtual Advanced Placement Academy which shall offer school districts and their students access to a core advanced placement curriculum through the Kentucky Virtual High School;*
  - (d) *Identify, in conjunction with the Council on Postsecondary Education, resources at the secondary and postsecondary levels that can be directed toward advanced placement or dual enrollment instruction;*
  - (e) *Compare the costs of offering advanced placement courses through traditional on-site instruction, the Kentucky Virtual High School, and other methods and shall offer each school district assistance, if requested, in analyzing how the school district can most cost-effectively offer the largest number of advanced placement courses;*
  - (f) *Identify current and future funding sources for advanced placement or dual enrollment instructional programs and the amount of funds available or anticipated from those sources; and*
  - (g) *Submit a report to the Kentucky General Assembly outlining compliance with this section.*
- (3) *Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year and thereafter, each school district shall :*
  - (a) *Accept for credit toward graduation any course a student successfully completes through the Kentucky Virtual High School and incorporate the grade the student receives in a Kentucky Virtual High School course in calculating that student's grade point average without distinction between the grade received in the Kentucky Virtual High School course and courses taught within the school district for which the student receives a grade;*
  - (b) *Accept for credit toward graduation and completion of high school course requirements an advanced placement, a high school equivalent, or a Kentucky Virtual High School course taken by a student in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 if that student attains performance levels expected of high school students in that district as determined by achieving a score of "3" or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination or a grade of "B" or better in a high school equivalent or a Kentucky Virtual High School course; and*

- (c) *Pay tuition and other costs for students from their districts who are enrolled in a Kentucky Virtual High School course for credit that is part of the student's regular school day coursework by proportionately sharing funds generated under KRS 157.360 or other funding sources.*

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year and thereafter, each secondary school-based decision making council shall offer a core curriculum of advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, or dual credit courses, using either or both on-site instruction or electronic instruction through the Kentucky Virtual High School or other on-line alternatives. In addition, each school-based decision making council shall comply with any additional requirements for advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and dual credit courses that may be established cooperatively by the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, and the Council on Postsecondary Education in accordance with the definitions in Section 1 of this Act.*
- (2) *Each secondary school-based decision making council shall establish a policy on the recruitment and assignment of students to advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and dual credit courses that recognizes that all students have the right to be academically challenged and should be encouraged to participate in these courses.*

SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*As used in KRS Chapter 164, unless the context requires otherwise:*

- (1) *"Advanced placement" means a college-level course for the College Board Advanced Placement examination that incorporates all topics and instructional strategies specified by the College Board on its standard syllabus for a given subject area.*
- (2) *"Board" means the Kentucky Board of Education.*
- (3) *"College Board Advanced Placement examination" means the advanced placement test administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.*
- (4) *"College Board" means the College Entrance Examination Board, a national nonprofit association that provides college admission guidance and advanced placement examinations.*
- (5) *"Department" means the Kentucky Department of Education.*
- (6) *"Dual credit" means a college-level course of study developed in accordance with Section 5 of this Act in which a high school student receives credit from both the high school and postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled upon completion of a single class or designated program of study.*
- (7) *"Dual enrollment" means a college-level course of study developed in accordance with Section 5 of this Act in which a student is enrolled in a high school and postsecondary institution simultaneously.*

- (8) *"International Baccalaureate" means the International Baccalaureate Organization's Diploma Programme, a comprehensive two (2) year program designed for highly motivated students.*
- (9) *"Kentucky Virtual High School" means secondary-level instructional programs or courses offered by the Kentucky Department of Education through the Internet and other on-line, computer-based methods.*
- (10) *"Kentucky Virtual University" means a college-level instructional program offered by the Council on Postsecondary Education through the Internet or other on-line, computer-based methods.*

SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*By December 31, 2002:*

- (1) *The Council on Postsecondary Education shall promulgate administrative regulations that require public postsecondary educational institutions, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, to grant credit toward graduation to a student who scores at least "3" on a College Board Advanced Placement examination.*
- (2) *The Council on Postsecondary Education shall publish information, in print and electronic format, about the scores required on College Board Advanced Placement examinations at which credit toward graduation and completion of degree requirements will be granted at all Kentucky public and private postsecondary educational institutions.*
- (3) *The Council on Postsecondary Education, in conjunction with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Education Professional Standards Board, shall develop guidelines for content knowledge and teacher training in dual enrollment and dual credit programs offered in Kentucky.*

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