

HCS HBs 1017 & 291 -- INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS

SPONSOR: Brown (16)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Consent and Procedure by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HBs 1017 & 291.

This bill requires public community colleges, colleges, and universities to adopt a policy for undergraduate course credit for any student who receives a score of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate Exam, as defined in the bill.

This bill is the same as SB 243 (2025), HB 1578 (2024), HB 2051 (2024), and HB 1173 (2023).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this would be similar to the acceptance of the Advanced Placement exam scores, however the International Baccalaureate (IB) is even more advanced with courses spanning multiple semesters and covering much deeper and broader coursework. The best and brightest students are in the IB program and there are multiple states that accept IB scores so we may lose students to neighboring state's universities.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Brown; Council on Public Higher Education.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this program is anti-american, anti-god, anti-capitalist and that the course theory of knowledge teaches that god is a myth. The tests for the program are sent overseas and the entire program is a tool of the United Nations and a model for common core.

Testifying in person against the bill was Armorvine.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.