Course Credit by Exam

The Act allows secondary school students to earn credit for core courses by passing a mastery exam. School districts are required to develop assessment tools and standards for demonstrating mastery in specific secondary school courses, including mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and world languages. Students who pass such assessment tests will be provided full credit for the course.

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Suggested State Legislation

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Section 1. [Secondary school course credit].
(a) A school district shall provide the opportunity for students enrolled in a secondary school in the district to challenge a course provided by the district by demonstrating mastery in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and world languages at the level of the course challenged. A school district shall give full credit for a course to a student who successfully challenges that course as provided under this section.
(b) A school district shall establish, within a reasonable time, an assessment tool and a standard for demonstrating mastery in secondary school courses provided by the district under this section.
(c) The board shall adopt regulations to implement this section.
(d) In this section, “school district” means a borough school district, a city school district, a regional educational attendance area, a state boarding school, and the state centralized correspondence study program.