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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public schools to weight courses in visual and performing arts equally with other courses worth same number of credits in calculating grade point average.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on October 9, 2014, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning the calculation of pupil grade point averages  
2 and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. <sup>1</sup>a. <sup>1</sup>A school district shall weight courses in the visual and  
9 performing arts equally with other courses <sup>1</sup>of the same level of  
10 academic rigor and<sup>1</sup> worth the same number of credits in calculating  
11 a pupil's grade point average <sup>1</sup>**【**; except that advanced placement  
12 courses offered by the district shall be exempt from this  
13 requirement**】**<sup>1</sup>.

14 <sup>1</sup>b. As used in this section, “academic rigor” means a course’s  
15 classification as a general education course, an honors course, or an  
16 advanced placement course.<sup>1</sup>

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
19 the 2015-2016 school year.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 9, 2014.