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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 amended by the Senate on January 11, 2016.

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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. ¹a.¹ A school district shall weight courses in the visual and
9 performing arts equally with other courses ¹of the same level of
10 academic rigor and¹ worth the same number of credits in calculating
11 a pupil's grade point average ¹**];** except that advanced placement
12 courses offered by the district shall be exempt from this
13 requirement¹.

14 ¹b. 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.¹

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
19 the ²**[2015-2016]** first full² school year ²following the date of
20 enactment².

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 9, 2014.

²Senate floor amendments adopted January 11, 2016.