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A BILL

To amend section 3365.04 of the Revised Code to 1
permit school districts and schools to establish 2
their own policies for weighted grade averages 3
of courses completed through the College Credit 4
Plus program. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3365.04 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3365.04. Each public and participating nonpublic 8
secondary school shall do all of the following with respect to 9
the college credit plus program: 10

(A) Provide information about the program prior to the 11
first day of February of each year to all students enrolled in 12
grades six through eleven; 13

(B) Provide counseling services to students in grades six 14
through eleven and to their parents before the students 15
participate in the program under this chapter to ensure that 16
students and parents are fully aware of the possible 17
consequences and benefits of participation. Counseling 18

information shall include:	19
(1) Program eligibility;	20
(2) The process for granting academic credits;	21
(3) Any necessary financial arrangements for tuition, textbooks, and fees;	22 23
(4) Criteria for any transportation aid;	24
(5) Available support services;	25
(6) Scheduling;	26
(7) Communicating the possible consequences and benefits of participation, including all of the following:	27 28
(a) The consequences of failing or not completing a course under the program, including the effect on the student's ability to complete the secondary school's graduation requirements;	29 30 31
(b) The effect of the grade attained in a course under the program being included in the student's grade point average, as applicable;	32 33 34
(c) The benefits to the student for successfully completing a course under the program, including the ability to reduce the overall costs of, and the amount of time required for, a college education.	35 36 37 38
(8) The academic and social responsibilities of students and parents under the program;	39 40
(9) Information about and encouragement to use the counseling services of the college in which the student intends to enroll;	41 42 43
(10) The standard packet of information for the program	44

developed by the chancellor of higher education pursuant to 45
section 3365.15 of the Revised Code; 46

For a participating nonpublic secondary school, counseling 47
information shall also include an explanation that funding may 48
be limited and that not all students who wish to participate may 49
be able to do so. 50

(C) Promote the program on the school's web site, 51
including the details of the school's current agreements with 52
partnering colleges; 53

(D) Schedule at least one informational session per school 54
year to allow each participating college that is located within 55
thirty miles of the school to meet with interested students and 56
parents. The session shall include the benefits and consequences 57
of participation and shall outline any changes or additions to 58
the requirements of the program. If there are no participating 59
colleges located within thirty miles of the school, the school 60
shall coordinate with the closest participating college to offer 61
an informational session. 62

For the purposes of division (D) of this section, 63
"participating college" shall include both of the following: 64

(1) A partnering college; 65

(2) Any public college, private college, or eligible out- 66
of-state college to which both of the following ~~applies~~ apply: 67

(a) The college participates in the college credit plus 68
program. 69

(b) The college submits to the public or participating 70
nonpublic secondary school a request to attend an informational 71
session. 72

(E) Implement a policy for the awarding of grades and the calculation of class standing for courses taken under division (A) (2) or (B) of section 3365.06 of the Revised Code. The policy adopted under this division ~~shall~~ may be equivalent to the school's policy for courses taken under the advanced standing programs described in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code or for other courses designated as honors courses by the school. If the policy includes awarding a weighted grade or enhancing a student's class standing for these courses, the policy adopted under this section ~~shall~~ also may provide for these procedures to be applied to courses taken under the college credit plus program.

(F) Develop model course pathways, pursuant to section 3365.13 of the Revised Code, and publish the course pathways among the school's official list of course offerings for the program.

(G) Annually collect, report, and track specified data related to the program according to data reporting guidelines adopted by the chancellor and the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to section 3365.15 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. That existing section 3365.04 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.