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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Permits, instead of requires, that a secondary school's policy for awarding grades and calculating class standing for courses taken under the College Credit Plus Program be equivalent to the school's policy for advanced standing program and honors courses.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### School grade and class standing policy under the College Credit Plus Program

The bill removes the requirement that the policy for awarding grades and calculating class standing for courses taken under the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program adopted by each public and participating chartered nonpublic secondary school to be equivalent to the school's policy for advanced standing program and honors courses. Instead, it permits schools to adopt equivalent policies. The bill further permits, instead of requires, that if a school's policy includes awarding a weighted grade or enhancing a student's class standing for honors courses or courses taken under an advanced standing program, the same applies for grades earned under CCP courses.<sup>1</sup>

#### Background

##### College Credit Plus Program

The CCP Program allows high school students and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to enroll in nonsectarian college courses to receive high school and college credit. CCP courses may be taken at any state institution of higher education, state universities, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges, except the Northeast Ohio Medical University. Or

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3365.04(E).

they may be taken at any private or out-of-state college or university that chooses to participate in the program.<sup>2</sup>

### **Advanced standing programs**

Each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district and chartered nonpublic high school must provide students in grades 9-12 with the opportunity to participate in an advanced standing program, including Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma courses, or early college high school programs. A local, city, and exempted village school district fulfills this requirement through mandatory participation in the CCP Program. School districts also may offer any other advanced standing program in addition to the CCP Program.

Similarly, each participating chartered nonpublic high school fulfills the requirement to offer an advanced standing program by participating in the CCP Program. Chartered nonpublic schools not participating in the CCP Program must offer at least one other advanced standing program to students in “good standing.”<sup>3</sup>

### **Grade weighting**

Statutory law requires public and participating chartered nonpublic schools to implement a policy for the awarding of grades and the calculation of class standing for courses taken under the dual-enrollment options of the CCP Program. Each policy adopted by a school must be equivalent to the school’s policy for advanced standing programs and other courses designated as honors courses. If the policy includes awarding a weighted grade or enhancing a student’s class standing for the courses, the policy also must provide for these procedures to be applied to courses taken under the CCP Program.<sup>4</sup>

Administrative rules further require that the policies and the calculation of class standing for CCP courses adopted and implemented by a school district or participating chartered nonpublic high school must not disadvantage students who choose to participate in the CCP Program rather than in other advanced standing programs offered by a school, nor can they provide higher value to any courses provided by one advanced standing program within the same subject area provided by another advanced standing program or other honors course.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3365.02, 3365.03, and 3365.033, none in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3313.6013(B), not in the bill.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3313.6013(A), not in the bill, and 3365.04(E).

<sup>5</sup> Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65.2(B)(7).

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## HISTORY

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