

House Bill 467

By: Representative Hembree of the 67th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the university system in Georgia, so as to provide for course credit for
3 entering freshmen students who have successfully completed the international baccalaureate
4 diploma program; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to the university system in Georgia, is amended by adding a new Code section as
10 follows:

11 "20-3-88.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'international baccalaureate diploma program'
13 means the curriculum and examinations required for an international baccalaureate diploma
14 awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

15 (b) Each public institution of higher education in this state shall adopt and implement a
16 policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshmen students who have
17 successfully completed the international baccalaureate diploma program.

18 (c) In the policy, the institution shall:

19 (1) Outline the conditions necessary for the institution to grant course credit, including
20 the minimum required scores on international baccalaureate diploma program
21 examinations;

22 (2) Set the number of semester credit hours or the equivalent that the institution shall
23 grant to a student who successfully completes the international baccalaureate diploma
24 program; and

1 (3) Identify the specific course credit or other academic requirements of the institution
2 that the student satisfies by successfully completing the international baccalaureate
3 diploma program.

4 (d) Each public institution of higher education shall report to the board of regents the
5 policy adopted and implemented under this Code section and shall make the policy
6 available to the public on the institution's Internet site.

7 (e) Each public institution of higher education in this state shall:

8 (1) Not later than December 31, 2007, adopt and make available to the public and to the
9 board of regents the policy required by this Code section; and

10 (2) Implement the policy beginning with admissions to the institution for the 2008-2009
11 academic year."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.