

House Bill 467 (AM)

By: Representative Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>

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, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,  
19 grant at least 24 semester credit hours or equivalent course credit in appropriate subject  
20 areas to an entering freshman student for successful completion of the international  
21 baccalaureate diploma program. The institution may grant fewer than 24 semester credit  
22 hours if a student received a score of less than four on an examination administered as part  
23 of the international baccalaureate diploma program. The institution may grant fewer credit  
24 hours only with respect to courses that are substantially related to the subject area of that  
25 examination.

- 1 (d) Each public institution of higher education shall report to the board of regents the  
2 policy adopted and implemented under this Code section and shall make the policy  
3 available to the public on the institution's Internet site.
- 4 (e) Each public institution of higher education in this state shall:
- 5 (1) Not later than December 31, 2007, adopt and make available to the public and to the  
6 board of regents the policy required by this Code section; and
- 7 (2) Implement the policy beginning with admissions to the institution for the 2008-2009  
8 academic year."

9 **SECTION 2.**

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

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.