

By the Committee on Education and Senator Cowin

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; amending s.
240.1163, F.S.; requiring certain courses to
receive weighted grades; authorizing certain
courses to be designated as both dual
enrollment and advanced placement courses;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 240.1163, Florida
Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

240.1163 Joint dual enrollment and advanced placement
instruction.--

(4) In computing grade point averages, school
districts and community colleges must weigh a rigorous
college-level dual enrollment course the same as either an
advanced placement course or an honors course. A school
district shall determine whether a dual enrollment course is
equivalent in academic value to an advanced placement course
or an honors course. A community college or school district
may designate a course as both dual-enrollment and
advanced-placement, and a student enrolled in such a course
may earn college credit as permitted under the requirements of
either program.~~college-level dual enrollment courses the same~~
~~as honors courses and advanced placement courses when grade~~
~~point averages are calculated. Alternative grade calculation~~
~~or weighting systems that discriminate against dual enrollment~~
~~courses are prohibited.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 336

The Committee Substitute differs from Senate Bill 336 in that it amends s. 240.1163, F.S., rather than creating a new statute in conflict with that section. It permits a school district to weigh student grades in a dual enrollment course as either an advanced placement or an honors course, rather than requiring the same weight for all three. It would also allow a student to earn college credit as permitted by either the advanced placement program or the dual enrollment program in a course that was designated as both.