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Rogers sponsored legislation would ensure college credit for AP exams

INDIANAPOLIS- Today the Indiana State Senate approved legislation that would require state colleges and universities in Indiana to give credit toward degree requirements for students who receive a score of three, four or five on an advanced placement (AP) examination. House Bill (HB) 1135, sponsored by State Senator Earline S. Rogers (D-Gary), was approved by a vote of 50 to 0.

The bill would reserve the implementation of academic credit to individual state colleges and universities. The bill does not apply to private colleges or universities.

The bill would benefit students, parents, teachers and taxpayers by addressing college costs and rewarding academic success. It would provide a tangible benefit for students taking AP exams and give taxpayers a return on their investment, since most math and science tests are federally funded. The bill would also provide an incentive for students to remain in the state after high school graduation.

"I'm glad this legislation has moved through the General Assembly," said Rogers. "It is time that we start awarding the achievements these students have earned."

During the 2009 school year, over 27,000 students took an advance placement exam. Nearly 50 percent of students taking the test passed, scoring a three or higher.

Since the bill was amended in committee, it will go back to the Indiana House for final approval.

For more information on Sen. Rogers, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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