



**ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 16

**Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly	Senate
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AN ACT TO: Create High School Level Examination Program (HSLEP) as alternative methods of earning course credits.

**The People of the State of New York, represented
in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

Purpose: We initiate this bill as a way to provide accelerated courses to middle and high school students. This will allow students to have an accelerated pathway to college level education in high school.

Summary of Provisions

Section 1:

CLEP: College Level Examination Program
HSLEP: High School Level Examination Program
GPA: Grade Point Average
VIA: by way of, through

Section 2:

Any high school students going to school in New York State may take a standardized test at the beginning of the school term. Either this test can be the Regent Exam for the course or the teacher made final. If they successfully pass the exam, they will receive course credit for the class.

Justification

CLEP has benefited students that have been homeschooled, or have obtained the necessary information. Students who already know the subject are able to take the CLEP test and pass. A 2010 study showed that students with prior-learning assessments, such as CLEP, had better academic outcomes than other students without prior-learning assessments. Students that receive CLEP exams have been proven to have higher GPA's and better course performance. Surveys conducted reported that 91% of CLEP takers said that taking a CLEP exam made a difference for their studies. High school students can earn credits for what they already know on the subject and save money on that course in college. This could become an option for high school students to get credit for high school courses. Each school has different standards for how many credits can transfer VIA CLEP exams- so students should also research their prospective colleges before deciding how many and which exams to take for college credit. More than 30 high-quality freshman year, college courses taught by some of the world's leading universities and professors. Each course is aligned to a CLEP subject and includes online lectures, quizzes and tests. Textbooks and materials are also provided free of charge. CLEP has been accepted by 2900 colleges and universities and administered at more than 1800 test centers.

Fiscal Implications

These tests will cost \$80. The students would be responsible for this cost, however it is significantly less costly than college courses.

Effective Date

These tests will be taken in the beginning of the school year of 2018-2019.