

## ACT 207

S. B. NO. 1029

A Bill for an Act Relating to College-Credit Equivalency.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Declaration of findings.** The legislature finds that there is considerable duplication between the content of courses taught in the secondary, business, trade and adult education schools and the content of courses offered in the lower division programs of the University of Hawaii and the programs of the community colleges. The legislature believes that a credit equivalency program which automatically awards college-equivalent credits to students upon the successful completion of high school, business school, trade school and adult education learning experiences will serve to eliminate duplications on a statewide basis. Such a program will permit college students to graduate faster and enable the State's higher education resources to serve more students.

**SECTION 2.** The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER  
COLLEGE-CREDIT EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM**

**Section -1. College-credit equivalency program established; purpose.** There is established at the University of Hawaii and the community colleges a college-credit equivalency program. The purpose of this program is to award college credits to students who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the University of Hawaii or at a community college and who have successfully completed at a high school, business school, trade school, or adult education school, courses which are equivalent to courses offered for credit in the University of Hawaii system.

**Section -2. Policies and procedures.** The University of Hawaii shall be responsible for the establishment of policies and procedures to administer the program. In this regard, the university shall, among other things, prepare and make public the following:

- (1) the list of the high school, business school, trade school and adult education school courses for which college credits may be earned,
- (2) the number of credits which may be earned for each course, and
- (3) the minimum standards or grades necessary to earn college credits.

**Section -3. Eligibility.** All students enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the University of Hawaii or at a community college and who meet the requirements established under section -2 shall be eligible and awarded college-credit equivalents.”

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 31, 1973.)