

Updated August 3, 2018

Senate Bill 216 & College Credit Plus

Final Update (August 3, 2018):

The governor signed SB216 into law on August 3, 2018. **The final version of SB16 made *no change* in statute for the administration of the College Credit Plus program.**

Update #3 (June 28, 2018):

On June 26, 2018, the House Education and Career Committee accepted an amendment to SB216 that deleted the provision requiring students to pay for 50% of textbooks. In other words, with this amendment, the bill maintains current law and does not require students to pay for textbooks. The House then passed the bill on June 27, 2018, and the Senate concurred on the same day. **The final version of SB16 makes *no change* in statute concerning textbooks for College Credit Plus.**

Update #2 (March 23, 2018):

The update from March 22 did not include information regarding the textbook provision for economically disadvantaged or homeschooled students. SB 216 includes:

(B) No participant whose family income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, shall be charged for textbooks under division (A) of this section. Instead, the participant's secondary school shall pay for one hundred per cent of all required textbooks for that participant.

(C) Each home-instructed participant enrolled in the college credit plus program shall be responsible for the cost of textbooks required for courses under the program.

Updated Information (March 22, 2018):

On March 7, 2018, the Senate Education committee voted SB 216 out of committee.

On March 21, 2018, the Senate voted to approve SB 216. The House of Representatives now will consider the bill.

The information about the “as passed by Senate” version of the bill can be found on this page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-216>

Information from February 22, 2018:

Many questions have arisen related to Senate Bill (SB) 216. The following is a summary of the bill's current status. **Please note that this bill has not been enacted yet, and until a final bill is signed, none of the proposed provisions will go into effect.**

- When SB 216 was first introduced (October 18, 2018), it included three provisions related to College Credit Plus. The following points are brief summaries:
 - Textbooks shall be paid 50% by the secondary school and 50% by the student.
 - If a college course is offered and delivered on the high school campus for College Credit Plus, the student shall not be eligible to enroll in a comparable course delivered at the college campus, another college location, or online.
 - Additional reporting requirements for Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- The Senate Education Committee has been conducting hearings for SB 216 since October through early February.
- On January 31, 2018, the Senate Education Committee accepted a Substitute SB 216. This version – related to College Credit Plus – did the following:
 - The textbook provision remained the same.
 - The provision related to requiring a student to take an available course at the high school was REMOVED.
 - The additional reporting remained the same.
- At this time (February 22, 2018), SB 216 is still in the Senate Education Committee. ODHE and ODE are monitoring the bill closely and are staying engaged with legislators.
- It is still too early to know the outcome of the Senate Education Committee decisions. If the Education Committee approves the bill, it must then pass a vote before the full Senate. Then the bill would undergo hearing in the House of Representatives. The bill must pass the House and be signed by the governor before it would be enacted.

For additional details on the committee process, please visit the Ohio Senate Education Committee's webpage: <http://ohiosenate.gov/committee/education#>

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