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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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School: Hopkinsville HS	House	Senate
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An act to require full reimbursement of AP testing fees to students who pass the exam.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Students who take the AP national exam are required to pay a fee of around \$90. The only incentive most students receive to pass AP exams is the potential to receive college credit. This bill will allow students who pass the exam to receive full reimbursement of the exam fee.

Section 2: Students eligible for free and reduced lunch benefits, according to the College Board standards, are subject to a reduced testing fee (approximately \$15). In the case that a student who pays a reduced fee passes the test, the student will be reimbursed the amount he/she paid out-of-pocket.

Section 3: The fee breakdown for AP exams is as follows: \$93 will be paid by the student to the school; \$84 of the \$93 is paid to the college board for the exam; the remaining nine dollars is given to the school in the form of a rebate. Students that qualify for financial assistance only have to pay \$15. Said fee breakdown is as follows: the AP College Board reduces the fee to \$53 by eliminating the school rebate and lowering the test fee by \$31; the remaining \$38 is covered by the Title IV "block grant".

Section 4: In the 2015/2016 school year, 50,912 AP exams were administered and 24,437 were passed. Not accounting for reduced test fees, the cost of reimbursement throughout Kentucky would have been \$2,248,204.

Section 5: Funding for this initiative will be provided by each individual school district.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.