

1 S.169

2 Introduced by Senator Champion

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; flexible pathways; virtual learning

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
7 Agency of Education to maintain an agreement with a virtual learning provider  
8 for the purposes of offering virtual learning opportunities to Vermont students  
9 as well as set certain criteria required for a student to enroll full time in virtual  
10 learning.

11 An act relating to virtual learning

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 948 is added to read:

14 § 948. VIRTUAL LEARNING

15 (a) The Agency of Education shall maintain an agreement with a virtual  
16 learning provider for the purpose of offering virtual learning opportunities to  
17 Vermont students.

18 (b) A student may enroll in virtual learning full time if:

19 (1) the student is enrolled in a public school;

20 (2) the student is enrolled in a middle or high school program;

1           (3) virtual learning is found to be a beneficial option under the student’s  
2 personalized learning plan; and

3           (4) the student’s course of study meets minimum standards under  
4 guidance promulgated by the Agency.

5           (c) The Agency of Education may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter  
6 25 as necessary to implement this section.

7           (d) A school district shall count a student enrolled in remote learning in the  
8 school district’s average daily membership, as defined in section 4001 of this  
9 title, if the student meets all of the criteria in subsection (b) of this section.

10       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.