

1 S.139

2 Introduced by Senator Giard

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4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; secondary schools; postsecondary institutions; concurrent  
6 enrollment

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to encourage school districts and  
8 postsecondary institutions to provide concurrent enrollment options for  
9 secondary students within the district.

10 An act relating to concurrent enrollment opportunities at postsecondary  
11 institutions for Vermont secondary students

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

13 Sec. 1. CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

14 (a) The board of a school district may enter into an agreement (the  
15 “agreement”) with one of the Vermont state colleges to establish a  
16 postsecondary education enrollment options program through which a  
17 secondary student residing in the district may enroll in postsecondary courses  
18 offered by or under the direction of the college. The agreement shall include  
19 eligibility criteria for participation established by the college.

1        (b) Pursuant to the agreement, an eligible student may enroll in a  
2 postsecondary course offered at:

3            (1) The college and taught by college faculty; or

4            (2) A secondary school or technical center in which the student is  
5 enrolled or eligible to attend and taught by a licensed teacher employed by the  
6 district and approved by the college.

7        (c) Upon successful completion of a course offered under the agreement, a  
8 student shall receive both secondary academic credit in the school district to be  
9 counted towards requirements for graduation and postsecondary credit from  
10 the participating state college. The secondary and postsecondary credits, as  
11 well as a statement that the credits were earned through the postsecondary  
12 education enrollment options program, shall be a part of the student's record  
13 maintained by the district.

14        (d) The agreement authorized in subsection (a) of this section shall address  
15 the cost of textbooks, materials, and equipment required for the course. The  
16 college shall not assess or collect from the secondary student the costs or fees  
17 associated with textbooks, materials, equipment, student services, or any other  
18 costs or fees collected from postsecondary students enrolled at the college.  
19 Funds made available through the Next Generation Initiative may be used to  
20 offset costs incurred by the district or the college or both.

1        (e) A student participating in a postsecondary education enrollment options  
2        program pursuant to this section shall be counted within the average daily  
3        membership of the district and within the college's full-time equivalent  
4        enrollment count.