

1 H.381

2 Introduced by Representatives Weston of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia,

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5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Education; postsecondary education; tuition; taxation; study

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require a study to explore the tax
9 consequences of providing full public funding of tuition for Vermont students
10 enrolled in public and private postsecondary institutions in Vermont, including
11 nondegree technical education programs.

12 An act relating to studying the tax consequences of public funding of
13 postsecondary tuition

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

15 Sec. 1. POSTSECONDARY TUITION; PUBLIC FUNDING; STUDY

16 (a) The departments of education and of taxes jointly shall analyze the tax
17 consequences of providing full public funding of tuition to public and private
18 postsecondary institutions in Vermont, including nondegree technical
19 education programs, for Vermont students between the ages of 17 and 25,
20 provided that for any one student, tuition would be paid for no more than four

1 years or eight semesters. The departments shall explore tuition-payment
2 programs in other states and countries to determine how a similar program
3 could be designed and implemented in Vermont.

4 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, the departments shall submit a written
5 report to the house and senate committees on appropriations and on education,
6 the house committee on ways and means, and the senate committee on finance
7 detailing their analysis, presenting proposals for the creation of a statewide
8 postsecondary tuition-payment program, and providing any recommendations
9 for legislative action.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.