

1 S.78

2 Introduced by Senators Baruth, Collins, Doyle, McCormack, and Zuckerman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; secondary schools; postsecondary schools; early college

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to pay from the
7 Education Fund a portion of a 12th grade Vermont student's tuition for
8 enrollment in an early college program at one of the Vermont State Colleges,
9 the University of Vermont, or a private postsecondary school in Vermont in the
10 same manner in which the Fund currently is used to pay tuition for a student
11 enrolled in the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology.

12 An act relating to tuition payments for early college programs

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

14 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of section 4025 of this title:

16 (1) ~~The commissioner~~ the Secretary shall pay an amount equal to 87
17 percent of the base education amount to the Vermont Academy of Science and
18 Technology for each ~~Vermont resident~~, 12th grade Vermont student enrolled;
19 and

1 (2) for each 12th grade Vermont student enrolled in an early college
2 program at one of the Vermont State Colleges, at the University of Vermont, or
3 at an accredited private postsecondary school located in Vermont the Secretary
4 shall pay tuition from the Education Fund in an amount equal to the lesser of
5 87 percent of the base education amount or the tuition charged by the
6 institution. The Secretary shall make the payment directly to the
7 postsecondary institution, which shall accept the amount as full payment of the
8 student's tuition.

9 (3) A student on whose behalf the Secretary makes a payment pursuant
10 to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection:

11 (A) shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the institution receiving
12 the payment for the academic year for which payment is made;

13 (B) shall not be enrolled concurrently in a secondary school within or
14 outside the State; and

15 (C) shall not be included in the average daily membership of any
16 school district for the academic year for which payment is made; provided,
17 however, that if more than five percent of the 12th grade students residing in a
18 district enroll in an early college program, then the district may include the
19 number of students in excess of five percent in its average daily membership;
20 but further provided that a 12th grade student enrolled in a college program
21 shall be included in the percentage calculation only if, for the previous

1 academic year, the student was enrolled in a school maintained by the district
2 or was a student for whom the district paid tuition to a public or approved
3 independent school.

4 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1545(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) For any resident 12th grade student attending the ~~Vermont academy for~~
6 ~~science and technology~~ Vermont Academy of Science and Technology
7 pursuant to subsection 4011(e) of this title or enrolled in an early college
8 program at one of the Vermont State Colleges, the University of Vermont, or
9 an accredited private postsecondary institution located in Vermont, the credits
10 and grades earned shall, upon request of the student or the student's parent or
11 guardian, be applied toward graduation requirements at the Vermont ~~high~~
12 ~~school which~~ secondary school that the student attended prior to enrolling in
13 the ~~academy~~ Academy or early college program.

14 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 4011a is added to read:

15 § 4011a. EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM; REPORT

16 Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Vermont State Colleges, the
17 University of Vermont, and any private postsecondary institution receiving
18 funds pursuant to subsection 4011(e) of this title shall report annually in
19 January to the Senate and House Committees on Education regarding the level
20 of participation in the early college program, the success in achieving the
21 stated goals of the program to enhance secondary students' educational

1 experiences and prepare them for success in college and beyond, and the
2 specific outcomes for participating students relating to programmatic goals.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE; IMPLEMENTATION

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013. Funds for the early college
5 program pursuant to Sec. 1 of this act shall be available to students beginning
6 in the 2014–2015 academic year.