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Representative Kupersmith of South Burlington moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 29 (tuition paid to University of Vermont) and inserting in lieu thereof two new sections to be Secs. 29 and 29a to read:
Sec. 29. 16 V.S.A. § 2282(b) is amended to read:

(b) Except for ~~those attending~~ students enrolled in the college of medicine
College of Medicine and students enrolled in distance education courses or
programs, the amount of tuition for paid by an eligible Vermont residents
resident for attendance during each academic year shall be not more than
40 percent of the tuition charged to ~~nonresident students. Tuition for eligible~~
~~Vermont residents for shorter terms shall be no more per credit hour than that~~
~~charged eligible Vermont residents during the academic year~~ a nonresident
student. As used in this subsection, “distance education” means a course or
program that can be completed in whole or in part through electronic media
and does not require the student to be physically present on the University’s
campus at any time. Distance education does not include any course in which
a full-time undergraduate student is enrolled.

1 Sec. 29a. UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT; TUITION; GRADUATE
2 PROGRAMS; REPORT

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 2282(b), the University
4 of Vermont may select no more than 12 graduate programs for which Vermont
5 residents shall not receive the 60 percent tuition discount required by that
6 subsection; provided, however, that a Vermont resident enrolled in one of the
7 selected programs on the effective date of this act shall continue to receive the
8 § 2282(b) discount until he or she completes the degree.

9 (b) Annually in January 2015 through 2019, the University shall report to
10 the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate
11 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the
12 House and Senate Committees on Education regarding subsection (a) of this
13 section, including:

14 (1) the identity of the graduate programs selected by the University and
15 the reasons they were selected;

16 (2) the number of Vermont residents enrolled in the selected graduate
17 programs and the tuition they paid for the programs;

18 (3) the number of out-of-state students enrolled in the selected graduate
19 programs and the tuition they paid for the programs; and

20 (4) the ways in which the alternative tuition structure authorized by this
21 section has allowed the University to be more innovative and competitive in

1 the global market and has increased educational opportunities, including by
2 making education more affordable, for Vermont residents.

3 Second: In Sec. 36, after “University of Vermont”, by striking out
4 everything to the period and inserting in lieu thereof the words “in a distance
5 education course or program”